



Legislation Bulletin

2016 Session Summary

Local Alcohol Legislation – Montgomery County

The following legislation takes effect July 1, 2016, unless otherwise noted.
Where it is known, the Chapter number is indicated in parenthesis.

Montgomery County Bills

HB-1029- Makes enhancements to a class BD-BWL license. It alters the on-premise hours to be the same as a class B-BWL license; authorizes catering of alcohol with food; and includes one BD-BWL license to be amongst the exception for a person to hold up to a total of 10 class B-BWL licenses.

HB-1064 (Chapter 292)- Repeals the distance requirements from a place of worship, school or youth center to an alcohol license premise.

HB-1073- This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to fulfill a notice requirement related to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses by posting a completed application online at least 14 days prior to the application hearing date instead of publishing the notice in local newspapers.

HB-1074 (Chapter 294)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue in the town of Laytonsville, up to a total combination of two licenses, consisting of either or class B-BWL or class H-BW licenses. Effective 4-26-16.

HB-1076- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Sports Stadium BW license. Fee \$2,000.

Statewide Bills

HB-733- Authorizes an alcohol manufacturer to hold multiple manufacturing licenses at the same premise; also allows for sampling, sales and consumption of alcohol at the same premise.

HB-739- Alters the license issuing authority for a Non-profit Beer Festival Permit from the various local Board of License Commissioners to the State Comptroller's Office.

HB-1316 (Chapter 308)- Authorizes the State Comptroller to issue a Class 9 Limited Distillery License to the holder of a Class B-BWL (on and off-premise) or a class D-BWL (on and off-premise) licensee.

HB-1337 (Chapter 310)- Authorizes the State Comptroller to issue both a Non-resident Distillery permit and a class 8 Liquor Wholesaler's license available to a class 1 Distillery license holder. Also allows for both the holder of a Non-resident Distillery Permit or the holder of a class 8 Liquor Wholesaler license to sell liquor directly to retail licensees with a liquor privilege, including Montgomery County retail licensees. Effective 10-1-16.



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Statewide Bills Continued

SB-410 (Chapter 68)- Removes a limitation such that any class 1 Distillery licensee is authorized to sell to a consumer up to 3 - 750ml bottles of alcohol for off-premise consumption.

SB-587- Extends a prohibition placed on the sale of alcoholic beverages that are sold in powder or crystalline form until June 30, 2018.

SB-630- Creates a distillery off-site permit to be issued by the State Comptroller, available to Class 1 distillery and class 9 Limited Distillery License holders. The permit authorizes on-site sampling and off-premise sales of liquor produced by the distillery. Also, creates a Liquor Festival permit to be issued by the State Comptroller, but only to a non-profit organization. The permit authorizes the holder to buy liquor from a wholesaler, provide samples and sell liquor for off-premise consumption. It also allows for the holder of a Distillery off-site permit to attend a licensed Liquor festival event.

SB-724 (Chapter 41)- Repeals Article 2B and replaces it with the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

SB-725 (Chapter 228)- Makes corrective changes to the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

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