



Legislation Bulletin

2018 Session Summary

Local Alcohol Legislation – Montgomery County

The following legislation takes effect July 1, 2018, unless otherwise noted.

Montgomery County Bills

HB 148 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Per Diem Licenses MC 8-18 - Authorizes the holder of a certain Class C per diem alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County to purchase alcoholic beverages from a County Department of Liquor Control warehouse, a dispensary, a manufacturer with a self-distribution license or certain permit, or a certain retail dealer.

HB 144 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Country Club Off-Sale Permit MC 10-18 - Establishes a country club off-sale permit in Montgomery County; authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue the permit to a holder of a country club license; authorizes a permit holder to sell wine by the bottle for off-premises consumption only at certain tasting events; requires a permit holder to notify the Board in writing 14 days before each tasting event; prohibits a permit holder from holding more than twelve tasting events in a calendar year or two tasting events in one month.

HB 145 Montgomery County - Kensington - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses MC 12-18 - Prohibits the Comptroller from issuing more than an aggregate amount of two Class 7 micro-brewery licenses to holders of Class D beer and wine licenses in the Town of Kensington; authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a catering extension to a holder of a Class B-K beer and wine license; requires certain license holders to exercise the privileges of a catering extension during certain times; reduces from 50% to 40% the ratio of gross receipts between certain food and alcoholic beverages for a Class B-K license holder.

HB 146 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class 7 Micro-Brewery License - Issuance MC 9-18 - Adds the holder of a Class BD-BWL alcoholic beverages license to the list of license holders in Montgomery County eligible to be issued a Class 7 micro-brewery license by the Comptroller; and specifies the privileges under certain licenses of license holders eligible to be issued a Class 7 micro-brewery license.

HB 159 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Basket of Cheer Permit MC 21-18 - Establishes a basket of cheer permit in Montgomery County; requires the Board of License Commissioners to grant the permit at no cost to holders of certain Class C licenses; and provides that the permit authorizes the permit holder to provide as a prize at a benefit performance a basket of cheer, consisting of certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Inspections, Food Sales Requirements, and Hours and Days of Sale MC 5-18 - Repeals certain provisions of law requiring certain licensed premises in Montgomery County to be inspected at least monthly during the initial license year; requires the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to adopt regulations to require inspections of a premises for which the Board issues a license at least quarterly during the initial license year and periodically thereafter; exempts certain licensed premises from the inspection.



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Montgomery County Bills Continued

HB 178 Montgomery County Alcohol Modernization Act of 2018 MC 4-18 - Allows a dispensary in Montgomery County to sell draft beer in refillable and nonrefillable containers and wine in refillable containers; repeals the prohibition in the county on issuing certain licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of a bowling alley, a billiard hall, or certain restaurants; alters the number of Board member votes required to issue a culinary school beer and wine license from a unanimous vote to a majority vote; alters hours of sale for certain licenses.

SB 046 Selling or Providing Alcoholic Beverages to Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities and Others – Repeal of Prohibition - Repeals provisions of law in Allegany, Carroll, Charles, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and Washington counties that prohibit a license holder or an employee from knowingly selling or providing an alcoholic beverage to an individual with an intellectual disability or to an individual if a family member or guardian has given written notice to the license holder or employee under certain circumstances.

Statewide Bills

HB 896 Alcoholic Beverages – Class 6 Limited Wine Wholesaler’s License – Production Amounts and Sales - Increases the amount of wine from 27,500 to 35,000 gallons that a holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license may produce annually; authorizes a certain license holder to sell its wine to a holder of a wholesaler's license; and providing an annual license fee of \$50.

HB 972 Alcoholic Beverages - Class 4 Limited Winery Licenses - Requires a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to own or have under contract at least 20 acres of grapes or other fruit in cultivation for use in the production of wine in the State or to ensure that at least 51% of the ingredients used in the annual production of wine are grapes or other fruit grown in the State; authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to grant a certain exemption; providing for the application of the Act.

HB 1003 Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses Issued by Different Local Licensing Boards to Single License Holder - Authorizes a single individual to hold certain retail alcoholic beverages licenses that are issued by different local licensing boards for restaurants, hotels, or motels; specifies that the number of licenses a single individual may hold is limited only by the cap imposed by each local licensing board on the licenses that the local licensing board issues; and authorizes that the licenses may be issued for the use of certain persons.

HB 1316 Task Force to Study State Alcohol Regulation, Enforcement, Safety, and Public Health - Establishes a Task Force to Study State Alcohol Regulation, Enforcement, Safety, and Public Health to examine whether the State agency that now is assigned the tasks of regulating the State alcoholic beverages industry and enforcing State alcoholic beverages laws is the most appropriate agency to ensure the safety and welfare of the residents of Maryland; requires the Task Force to make recommendations on certain policies; requires the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2018.



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SB 253 Alcoholic Beverages - Sale of Powdered Alcohol – Prohibition - Repeals a provision that provides for the termination of a prohibition on selling alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance.

SB 382 Alcoholic Beverages - Limited Distillery License - Retail Sales - Increases from 15,500 to 31,000 gallons the annual amount of the products manufactured under a Class 9 limited distillery license that the holder of the license may sell at retail on a certain premise for on-sale or off-sale consumption.