



# Legislation Bulletin

## 2019 Session Summary

### Local Alcohol Legislation – Montgomery County

The following legislation takes effect July 1, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

#### Montgomery County Bills

**MC 2-19 Department of Liquor Control - Renaming** - Renames the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County to be the Alcohol Beverage Services; specifies that the Alcohol Beverage Services is the successor to the Department of Liquor Control; provides for the continuity of certain terms of office, transactions, employment status, and other matters; and requires the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to make certain corrections in a certain manner.

**MC 4-19 Sale of Chilled Beer and Chilled Wine** - Authorizes a dispensary of the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control to sell chilled beer and chilled wine for off-premises consumption from a keg for the purpose of filling a refillable or a nonrefillable container for beer, and a refillable container for wine.

**MC 9-19 Damascus - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses** - Repeals in Montgomery County a provision regarding the issuance of licenses in country inn zones in Damascus; and repeals a restriction on the number of Class H licenses that may be issued in Damascus by the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County.

**MC 30-19 Community Performing Arts Facility Special Event Permit** - Establishes in Montgomery County a community performing arts facility special event permit; specifies that only a holder of a community performing arts facility license may obtain a community performing arts facility special event permit; specifies the scope for the community performing arts facility special event permit; provides a \$200 annual fee.

**MC 28-19 Fee Refunds** - Establishes that a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County is entitled to a refund of the unearned portion of a license fee if the holder voluntarily surrenders the license at least 6 months before the license expiration date.



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### Statewide Bills

**HB 549 Class 1 Distillery License - On-Site Consumption Permit** - Authorizes the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to sell mixed drinks made from liquor manufactured by the license holder and other nonalcoholic ingredients for on-premises consumption; authorizes a local licensing board to grant an on-site consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 distillery license; prohibits the holder from using more than an aggregate of 7,750 gallons annually of liquor the holder produces for certain mixed drinks; authorizes a local licensing board to establish and charge a permit.

**SB 596 Mead - Definition and Tax Rate** - Includes mead within the definition of beer for certain purposes; and assigning a certain tax rate for mead.

**HB 1052 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Motor Fuel Commission** - Establishes the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; expresses the legislative intent that the Field Enforcement Division (FED) in the Office of the Comptroller be transferred to the Commission by July 1, 2020; establishes certain powers and duties for the Commission in addition to those transferred from the Comptroller's office; requires the Commission to conduct certain studies related to the alcohol and tobacco industries and to develop certain best practices; requires the Governor to appoint an Executive Director of the Commission.

**HB 1010 Brewery Modernization Act of 2019** - Authorizes the holder of a Class 5 brewery license to brew and bottle malt beverages at a location listed on an individual storage permit; authorizes a local licensing board to conditionally grant an applicant an on-site consumption permit or a Class D beer license that will become effective after the applicant meets certain requirements; authorizes a holder of a micro-brewery license to hold another license; alters the amount of beer that certain manufacturers may sell at retail.