2020 LEGISLATION SUMMARY

LOCAL ALCOHOL LEGISLATION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION TAKES EFFECT JULY 1, 2020, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BILLS

HB-297
Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a catering extension to holders of a class D-BWL license. Authorizes the Licensee to provide alcoholic beverages at a catered event during the hours of the class D-BWL license.

HB-298
Clarifies that a consumer on a licensed premises may only consume alcoholic beverages during license hours. The licensee shall remove all containers of alcoholic beverages from tables and service bars by the end of the permitted hours under the license. Also, repeals obsolete language pertaining to a New Year’s Eve extension, and certain consumption extensions.

HB-377
Creates a Consumption Only Market Place License. The license is available to a developer of a commercial shopping center with a space of 10-acre minimum. Fee: $4,000. Holders of a class B, BD-BWL, D-BWL or a class H license that are contiguous to the outdoor area covered by the license, may participate. Requires containers to have an identifying mark of the retailer, and a security plan on file. Hours are 11am to 11pm.

HB-860
Alters various licensing requirements pertaining to the Town of Kensington. Repeals the limit of three Beer/Wine Tasting Licenses. Alters certain geographic limitations for annual and one-day licenses. Alters the limitation from four to eight licenses that can be issued and reinstates an outdoor alcoholic beverage advertising prohibition.
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STATEWIDE BILLS

HB-900
Implements corrective language regarding the powers and duties of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. It also delays the effective date of the Commission from June 1, 2020 until January 1, 2021. (Effective 6/1/2020)

HB-902
Repeals language requiring that a license applicant meet a two-year residency minimum, and establishes a new requirement that a license applicant be a current resident, voter and/or taxpayer at the time of application and during the license period.