



Legislation Bulletin

2014 Session Summary

Local Alcohol Legislation – Montgomery County

Effective July 1, 2014.

HB-131 (SB-302/Chapter 289)- Repeals a termination date (sunset provision) providing an off-sale privilege for class B-B/W licenses for hotels and restaurants in Takoma Park.

HB-132 (SB-305)- Authorizes the holder of a Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler's License or a Non-resident Brewery Permit to sell or deliver its own beer to a county liquor dispensary, or any retailer in Montgomery County. This authority now applies Statewide.

HB-135 (Chapter 385)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a special BK alcoholic beverage license in a specified area in Kensington.

HB-136/Chapter 386 (SB-298)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Beer Festival License to promote Maryland Beer.

HB-137/Chapter 387- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Beauty Salon license. The license holder may provide one beer or wine serving up to 5 ounces, for on-premise consumption to a salon customer. Only during normal business hours until 9pm.

HB-140 (SB-310/Chapter 55)- Authorizes the holder of a class D – BW license to obtain from the State Comptroller a class 7 micro-brewery license.

HB-142 (SB-300)- Alters the food/alcohol ratio to 60/40 alcohol/food, for all class B-BWL licenses.

HB-144 (SB-307)- This is an omnibus bill affecting class B-BWL licenses. It repeals the geographic requirements for multi-licensing; repeals a must be seated requirement; repeals a prohibition on outside advertising; allows for the license to be issued to an operator as well as an owner; and repeals a \$5,000 license fee.

HB-146/Chapter 388 (SB-311)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Special BWL Community Performing Arts Facility license under certain conditions. On-premise sales only.

HB-269 (SB-459)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B – BWL Clubhouse –Lodge license. The license authorizes B/W for off-premise consumption; BWL for on-premise consumption and offer samples at no-charge or for a fee.

HB-463 (SB-657/Chapter 324)- Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D – BWL license for on-premise consumption. Sets the food/alcohol ratio at 40% minimum food till 9pm; monthly inspections; monthly ratio filing; sets the hours at 9-2am Monday – Thursday, 9 – 3am Friday and Saturday, 10- 2am on Sunday. Until 3 am on certain federal holidays. Same hours for all class B-BWL licenses.



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Statewide Legislation

HB-0004- Expands the prohibition of an alcohol without liquid machine (AWOL) to include a vaportini that mixes alcohol with pure oxygen or other gas to produce a vaporized product to be inhaled.

HB-208 (SB-546)- Relocates all the local provisions related to the refillable container provisions to Article 2B, section 21-107, including Montgomery County. Effective 10-1-14.

HB-359/Chapter 272 (SB-075/Chapter 271)- Prohibits a retailer from selling an alcoholic beverage with an alcohol content of 95% or more (190 proof) with a penalty. Also makes an exception for non-beverage alcohol used for medicinal or laboratory purposes.

HB-464/Chapter 407- Authorizes the holder of a class 7 micro-brewery license to sell beer in non-refillable containers (six packs) as well as refillable containers.

SB-226/Chapter 280- Creates a brewery Off-Site Permit to be issued by the State Comptroller to holders of a class & Micro-Brewery License who produce less than 3,000 barrels of beer annually. The permit may be issued for various activities including the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, certain farmer's markets, beer festivals, and other misc. events. The permit allows for 1 ounce samples per brand/ per consumer, and sales of beer for both on and off-premise.

HB-600 (Chapter 414)- Authorizes the State Comptroller to issue a farmer's marker permit to a licensee with off-premise authority in the corresponding jurisdiction as the event. The permit authorizes the holder to provide 1 ounce samples of wine per brand for on-premise consumption, and to sell wine in sealed containers for off-premise consumption. All wine must be made by in-state wineries holding a class 4 limited winery license.

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