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House Bill 159
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Basket of Cheer Permit
MC 21-18

This bill establishes the basket of cheer permit in Montgomery County. The permit must be issued (at no cost) by the county board of license commissioners to the holder of a Class C per diem beer and wine license or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license. The permit authorizes alcoholic beverages to be given out as prizes during a benefit performance. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Montgomery County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: For a Class C per diem beer and wine license, the prize can contain up to 288 ounces of beer and 2.25 liters of wine. For a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license, the prize can contain up to 288 ounces of beer, 2.25 liters of wine, and 2.25 liters of liquor. The prize may only be consumed off-premises.

Current Law: Local licensing boards are granted general authority to issue per diem licenses that allow the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages for limited periods of time. A Class C per diem license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, or liquor (depending on the

license) for a period of up to seven days. The license may only be used to hold an entertainment event conducted by a club at a specific place described in the license. Any alcoholic beverages sold using a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license must have been purchased from a retail dealer.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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