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House Bill 297
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Catering Extension
MC 27-20

This bill expands the types of licenses to which the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may issue a catering extension to include the holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Montgomery County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for a small business with a Class D BWL license that obtains a catering extension and realizes additional sales.

Analysis

Current Law: Montgomery County may grant a catering extension to the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; a Class BD-BWL license; and a Class B-K beer, wine, and liquor license. The catering extension authorizes the holder to provide alcoholic beverages at an event that is held off the premises for which the holder's Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is issued during specified hours.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 1,033 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Montgomery County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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