

# HOUSE BILL 428

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**

3 **MC 19–21**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery  
5 County, for a certain licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic  
6 beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse  
7 holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual  
8 license fee; requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire  
9 amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and to impose a  
10 reduced amount of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic beverages licenses;  
11 making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act;  
12 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That, notwithstanding any other law:

15 (1) for the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners  
16 for Montgomery County may reimburse each license holder in the county:

17 (i) the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages  
18 license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for  
19 on–premises consumption only; and

20 (ii) an amount equal to one–half of the annual fee for any alcoholic  
21 beverages license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages  
22 for both on– and off–premises consumption; and

23 (2) for the 2021–2022 licensing period:

24 (i) the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 shall waive the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license issued  
2 by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises  
3 consumption only; and

4 (ii) the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County  
5 shall reduce by one-half the amount imposed for the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages  
6 license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for both  
7 on- and off-premises consumption.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
9 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
10 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
11 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
12 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023,  
13 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
14 of no further force and effect.