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House Bill 614

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Direct Sales by Holders of Class 6
Limited Wine Wholesaler's Licenses or Nonresident Winery Permits
MC 703-07**

This emergency bill authorizes a holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license or a nonresident winery permit to sell or deliver wine directly to a restaurant, county liquor dispensary, or other retail dealer in Montgomery County. The bill also authorizes a restaurant, county liquor dispensary, or a retail dealer in Montgomery County to purchase wine directly from a holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license or a nonresident winery permit.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill clarifies current law and would not affect Montgomery County Finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 11 of 2006 created a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license and a nonresident winery permit, which allowed small wineries to sell their product directly to a retail licensee or permit holder in the State authorized to acquire it.

In Montgomery County, a person, firm, or corporation cannot keep for retail sale any alcoholic beverage not purchased from the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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

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