

# HOUSE BILL 144

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Country Club Off–Sale Permit**

3 **MC 10–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a country club off–sale permit in Montgomery County;  
5 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue  
6 the permit to a holder of a country club license; authorizing a holder of the permit to  
7 sell wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption only at certain tasting events,  
8 to certain individuals, and during certain hours and days; requiring a permit holder  
9 to notify the Board in writing a certain number of days before each tasting event;  
10 authorizing the Board to set a certain permit fee; and generally relating to sales of  
11 alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 25–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
19 Section 25–1007  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 25–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

2 25–1007.

3 (a) There is a country club license.

4 (b) The application shall be signed by at least one officer of the club who is a  
5 resident, registered voter, or taxpayer of the county.

6 (c) The Board may issue the license for use by a country club:

7 (1) that has at least 100 members;

8 (2) whose members pay an annual total amount of dues that averages at  
9 least \$50 per member; and

10 (3) that maintains at the time of the license application a regular or  
11 championship golf course of at least nine holes.

12 (d) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor  
13 purchased from the Department of Liquor Control for on–premises consumption by:

14 (1) a country club member;

15 (2) a member of the immediate family of a country club member;

16 (3) an individual residing temporarily in the clubhouse of the country club;  
17 or

18 (4) a guest of a country club member, including an individual who attends  
19 a recognized national or regional athletic event held on the premises of the license holder  
20 if:

21 (i) the license holder has applied to the Board to sell alcoholic  
22 beverages to individuals attending the event;

23 (ii) the application has been made at least 60 days before the date  
24 that the event is to take place; and

25 (iii) the Board has approved the application.

26 (e) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days  
27 as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 25–2005 of this title.

28 (f) An employee of a country club for which a license has been issued may not  
29 have a guest at the country club to consume alcoholic beverages during the employee’s

1 normal working hours.

2 (g) The annual license fee is \$2,000.

3 (H) (1) **THERE IS A COUNTRY CLUB OFF-SALE PERMIT.**

4 (2) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A**  
5 **COUNTRY CLUB LICENSE.**

6 (3) **A HOLDER OF THE PERMIT MAY SELL WINE BY THE BOTTLE FOR**  
7 **OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY:**

8 (I) **AT A WINE TASTING EVENT THAT IS HELD ON THE PREMISES**  
9 **FOR WHICH THE HOLDER'S COUNTRY CLUB LICENSE IS ISSUED;**

10 (II) **TO AN INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION; AND**

12 (III) **DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THE LICENSE HOLDER IS**  
13 **AUTHORIZED TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS**  
14 **SECTION.**

15 (4) **A HOLDER OF THE PERMIT SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING**  
16 **ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE EACH TASTING**  
17 **EVENT.**

18 (5) **THE BOARD MAY SET A FEE FOR THE PERMIT IN ADDITION TO THE**  
19 **ANNUAL FEE FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB LICENSE.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2018.