

Chapter 119

(House Bill 144)

AN ACT concerning

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

MC 10–18

FOR the purpose of establishing a country club off–sale permit in Montgomery County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue the permit to a holder of a country club license; authorizing a holder of the permit to sell wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption only at certain tasting events, to certain individuals, and during certain hours and days; requiring a permit holder to notify the Board in writing a certain number of days before each tasting event; prohibiting a permit holder from holding more than a certain number of tasting events in a calendar year or in a single month; authorizing the Board to set a certain permit fee; and generally relating to sales of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

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

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

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

25–102.

This title applies only in Montgomery County.

25–1007.

(a) There is a country club license.

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

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

(1) that has at least 100 members;

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

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

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

(1) a country club member;

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

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

or

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

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

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

(iii) the Board has approved the application.

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

(f) An employee of a country club for which a license has been issued may not have a guest at the country club to consume alcoholic beverages during the employee's normal working hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) A HOLDER OF THE PERMIT MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN:

(I) TWELVE TASTING EVENTS IN A CALENDAR YEAR; OR

(II) TWO TASTING EVENTS IN A SINGLE MONTH.

~~(5)~~ (6) THE BOARD MAY SET A FEE FOR THE PERMIT IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB LICENSE.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.