

Chapter 624

**(House Bill 297)**

AN ACT concerning

**Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sale of Chilled Beer and Chilled Wine**

**MC 4-19**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a dispensary of the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control to sell chilled beer and chilled wine for off-premises consumption ~~under certain circumstances from a keg for certain purposes~~; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 25-102 and 25-310(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section ~~25-310(d) and (e)~~ 25-310(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 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.

25-310.

- (d) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (ii) “Beer” includes draft beer in refillable and nonrefillable containers.
- (iii) “Wine” includes wine in refillable containers.

## (2) A dispensary:

## (i) may sell only:

1. except as provided for in subsection (e) of this section, for off-premises consumption~~], nonchilled];~~

~~A. CHILLED AND NONCHILLED~~ beer~~],];~~

~~B. CHILLED AND NONCHILLED~~ wine~~],];~~ and

~~C. NONCHILLED~~ liquor;

2. ice;

3. bottled water; and

4. items commonly associated with the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including bottle openers, corkscrews, drink mixes, and lime juice; and

## (ii) may not sell snack foods or soft drinks.

(e) (1) A dispensary may sell any product in the dispensary's inventory for the purpose of:

(i) holding tastings of beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of the dispensary only;

(ii) serving, for tasting, beer, wine, and liquor; and

(iii) allowing the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor by an individual for tasting in a quantity of not more than:

1. one-half ounce from each offering of liquor;

2. 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in a day;

3. 1 ounce from each offering of wine;

4. 4 ounces from all offerings of wine in a day;

5. 3 ounces from each offering of beer; and

6. 12 ounces from all offerings of beer in a day.

(2) Once opened, a bottle used for beer, wine, or liquor tasting shall be marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.

**(3) A DISPENSARY MAY SELL CHILLED BEER OR CHILLED WINE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY FROM A KEG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING:**

**(I) FOR BEER, A REFILLABLE CONTAINER OR A NONREFILLABLE CONTAINER; AND**

**(II) FOR WINE, A REFILLABLE CONTAINER.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**