



# Montgomery County

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**HB 277**

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### **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Holders of Class B-BWL (Clubhouse/Lodge) License and Class 7 Micro-Brewery License MC 16-23**

This bill removes Montgomery County from the application of a Statewide restriction in the Alcoholic Beverages Article that would prohibit the Montgomery County Revenue Authority (MCRA) from holding more than one Class B-BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license and a Class 7 micro-brewery license at the same time. Years ago, Montgomery County created a Class B-BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license, which may only be issued to the MCRA. Nine such licenses have been issued to the MCRA, one each for the nine golf courses it operates in the County.

Legislation passed during the 2022 Session allowed the MCRA to be issued a Class 4 limited winery license and a Class 7 micro-brewery license, both issued by the State. The combination of these two licenses would allow the MCRA to produce wine (Class 4) and cider (Class 7) at its Crossvines project located at the Poolesville Golf Course. This existing restriction in current law prohibiting a licensee from holding more than one Class B-BWL license and a Class 7 micro-brewery license, however, was overlooked, until the MCRA applied for the Class 7 license at the same time.

Passage of House Bill 277 will resolve this issue by allowing the MCRA to obtain a Class 7 micro-brewery license and hold its Class B-BWL (clubhouse/lodge) licenses. Therefore, the County supports House Bill 277.