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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 412 (Montgomery County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Theaters**  
**MC 917-99**

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This bill creates a special theater (on-sale) beer and wine license in Montgomery County. The annual license fee is \$100. A license may only be issued to a performing arts theater or a movie theater operated by a bona fide nonprofit organization. The bill provides that the definition of performing arts theater does not include the showing or exhibition of motion pictures or a building or amphitheater that is part of a sports complex regularly used by minors. A special theater licensee may sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption when snacks are served: one hour before and after a performance; during intermission; and during cast parties and receptions before and after a performance. A license may not be transferred to another location.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$800 for each new special theater license issued due to the license fee and application fee. The Board of License Commissioners could monitor the licensees with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$800 for each new special theater license issued. Each new license would generate a license fee of \$100 and an initial application fee of \$700. In the out-years, each license would generate only the annual license fee. There are currently two performing arts theaters in Montgomery County that

would qualify for a special theater license. No movie theaters are operated by non-profit organizations in the county.

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