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**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B License Fees**  
3 **MC 104-01**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing in Montgomery County certain Class B alcoholic  
5 beverages license fees; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the  
6 termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
7 Montgomery County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 6-201(q)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 6-201.

17 (q) (1) (i) This subsection applies only in Montgomery County.

18 (ii) 1. In this subsection the following words have the meanings  
19 indicated.

20 2. "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners.



1 in the dining area, including the cocktail area portion, but excluding special banquet  
2 and private party facilities.

3 (iv) Signs visible from the exterior of the building, advertising the  
4 sale of alcoholic beverages, are not permitted in connection with any restaurant or  
5 hotel holding a license issued under the provisions of this section except for the  
6 display of the menu then in use by the licensee.

7 (v) 1. The annual license fee is [\$2,000] \$2,500.

8 2. For the third license that is not restricted by location and  
9 is obtained by a licensee under § 9-102.1 of this article, the annual fee is \$5,000.

10 (3) (i) There is a special Class B license known as Class B-BWL  
11 (H-M) which shall be issued only for hotels and motels that meet the minimum  
12 requirements set forth in subsection (a)(3) of this section. All of the privileges and  
13 restrictions provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection are applicable to this  
14 special Class B license except that the gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic  
15 beverages may not exceed the gross receipts from the sale of food, and registered  
16 guests may be served in their rooms. In any instance where there is more than one  
17 licensed establishment within the hotel or motel, the foregoing sales ratio shall be  
18 applicable only to one license and that shall be the one that provides the food and  
19 beverage service to the conventions, banquets and other groups that utilize facilities  
20 within the hotel or motel.

21 (ii) The annual license fee is [\$2,000] \$2,500.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
23 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
24 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
25 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
26 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end  
27 of the 4-year period, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
28 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.