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(Montgomery County Delegation)

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**Montgomery County – Special Class C Beer, Wine and Liquor License – Fee
MC 402-04**

This bill increases from \$30 to \$60 the daily license fee in Montgomery County for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$30 for each special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued. County expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The daily fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County is \$30. Generally, a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license authorizes the licensee to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective class of license for the use of any person holding any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society, or association at the place described in the license for up to seven days from the effective date of the license.

There is no uniformity among the local jurisdictions as to the fees and regulations for special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses. Most jurisdictions are authorized to issue a special or temporary Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to clubs, organizations, societies, or associations for a period of one to seven days, with most daily fees ranging from \$15 to \$150.

Although authorized to issue special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses for multiple days, Montgomery County issues a separate license for each day.

Background: The fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County was last increased in fiscal 1985 when the daily fee was increased from \$15 to \$30 (Chapter 232 of 1984). Montgomery County advises that 68 special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses were issued in fiscal 2003.

Local Fiscal Effect: Montgomery County revenues could increase by approximately \$180 in fiscal 2004 assuming six special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses are issued after the bill's effective date of June 1, 2004. Annualized revenue increases of approximately \$2,040 would be realized beginning in fiscal 2005 assuming 68 special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses are issued. There is no application fee for the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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