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Maryland General Assembly  
2008 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 827  
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Montgomery County - Department of Liquor Control - Sale of Items at  
Dispensaries and Retail Outlets  
MC 817-08**

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This bill authorizes retail dispensary stores and retail outlets operated under contract with the director of the Department of Liquor Control in Montgomery County to sell items commonly associated with serving or consuming alcoholic beverages, such as bottle openers, corkscrews, drink mixers, and lime juice. The bill also specifies that these stores may not sell snack foods and soft drinks.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not materially affect Montgomery County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The liquor control board in each county may establish and maintain stores known as “county liquor dispensaries” for the sale of certain alcoholic beverages. In Montgomery County, the director of the Department Liquor Control is authorized to contract the operation of retail outlets. In Montgomery County, retail dispensaries and

retail outlets operated under contract by the Department of Liquor Control are authorized to sell nonchilled beer, wine, liquor, ice, and bottled water.

**Background:** There are currently 24 county owned liquor dispensaries and one retail outlet operated under contract.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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