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(Montgomery County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Art Gallery Beer and Wine License
MC 18-12**

This bill establishes a special art gallery beer and wine license in Montgomery County, that may be issued to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that displays and sells original artwork. A business that displays and sells commercially prepared or mass-produced artistic products may not be issued the license. The special art gallery BW license enables the holder to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for consumption on the premises when snacks are served during normal business hours, but no later than midnight. The license is not transferrable to another location. The annual license fee is \$100.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues increase by \$7,600 for every 10 new licenses issued, due to application fees and annual license fees. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues for small art galleries in Montgomery County.

Analysis

Current Law: In Montgomery County there is a special theater (on-sale) beer and wine license that may be issued to a performing arts theater or a movie theater operated by a bona fide nonprofit organization. A special theater licensee may sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption when snacks are served and at specified times before and after a performance, and during intermission. The annual license fee for the special theater (on-sale) beer and wine license is \$100.

Local Revenues: There are six art galleries in Bethesda alone that may qualify for a special art gallery beer and wine license. Accounting for the \$100 annual license fee and a \$663 application fee, Montgomery County revenues increase by \$7,630 for every 10 new licenses issued. In subsequent years only the \$100 annual license fee will be collected for a given establishment.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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