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House Bill 686
Economic Matters

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

Montgomery County - City of Takoma Park - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B On-
and Off-Sale License
MC 17-12

This bill adds an off-sale privilege to Class B beer and light wine licenses issued for hotels and restaurants in the City of Takoma Park.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012, and terminates June 30, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. There is no fee associated with the new off-sale privilege for Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses, therefore Montgomery County revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful for a hotel or restaurant that obtains a Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license in the City of Takoma Park.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license in the City of Takoma Park has on-sale privileges only.

Small Business Effect: According to the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners, there are currently no establishments with a Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license within the City of Takoma Park. If a restaurant or hotel

applies for such a license in the future, the license will now allow for the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption. If licenses with the new off-sale privilege are issued, there may be a decrease in sales for holders of other classes of off-sale licenses, as patrons of hotels and restaurants will then have the option of purchasing beer or wine directly from the hotel or restaurant instead of going to another location.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: House Bill 541 of 2011, a similar bill, received a hearing in the House Economic Matters Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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