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House Bill 560
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Hours of Sale
MC 8-17

This bill authorizes the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license or a Class B BWL (H-M) license in Montgomery County to sell alcoholic beverages for one additional hour on a Monday that the federal government has designated as a public holiday. Specifically, the bill (1) repeals the existing list of holidays that include the additional hour of sales and (2) authorizes alcoholic beverages to be sold on a Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. the following day when that following day is designated as a federal public holiday.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any compliance and enforcement activity relating to the new hours of sale can be handled with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Montgomery County, the holder of a Class B BWL or a Class B BWL (H-M) license may sell beer, wine, and liquor (1) on Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day; (2) on Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. the following day; and (3) on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day unless the following day is a specified federal holiday, in which case alcoholic beverages may be sold until

3 a.m. the following day. The specified federal holidays during which the additional hour of sale currently applies are (1) President's Day; (2) Memorial Day; (3) Independence Day; (4) Labor Day; and (5) Christmas.

Background: In fiscal 2016, there were 552 Class B BWL licenses issued in Montgomery County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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