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Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class H-BW Licenses  
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This bill specifies that the 10-license limit on Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licenses in Montgomery County may include one or more Class H-BW licenses.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County revenues increase by \$600 for each Class H-BW license application due to filing fees, \$400 annually for each license issued due to annual license fees, and \$100 annually for each license issued due to administrative renewal fees. The revenue increase may be offset to the extent that license holders obtain additional Class H-BW licenses instead of Class B-BWL licenses. Monitoring of any additional licenses can be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for any small business that obtains additional Class H-BW licenses as a result of the bill.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In Maryland, a Class B-BWL license allows a restaurant or hotel to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. State law generally limits the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued to a single license holder. In Montgomery County, additional Class B-BWL licenses may be obtained under

specified conditions; however, a licensee may not hold more than 10 such licenses altogether, including no more than 1 Class BD-BWL license.

A Class H-BW license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and light wine at a hotel or restaurant for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$400.

**Background:** There are currently 131 Class H licenses issued in Montgomery County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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