

# HOUSE BILL 159

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Basket of Cheer Permit**

3 **MC 21–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a basket of cheer permit in Montgomery County; requiring  
5 the Board of License Commissioners to grant the permit at no cost to holders of  
6 certain Class C per diem licenses; providing that the permit authorizes the permit  
7 holder to provide as a prize at a benefit performance a basket of cheer, consisting of  
8 certain alcoholic beverages; specifying that the alcoholic beverages contained in a  
9 basket of cheer shall be for off–premises consumption; and generally relating to  
10 alcoholic beverages permits granted in Montgomery County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 25–102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 25–1312  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

3 25–102.

4 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

5 **25–1312.**

6 **(A) THERE IS A BASKET OF CHEER PERMIT.**

7 **(B) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT THE PERMIT AT NO COST TO A HOLDER OF A**  
8 **CLASS C PER DIEM BEER AND WINE LICENSE OR A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE,**  
9 **AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

10 **(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO PROVIDE AS A PRIZE**  
11 **AT A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE A BASKET OF CHEER, CONSISTING OF:**

12 **(1) FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER AND WINE LICENSE,**  
13 **NOT MORE THAN:**

14 **(I) 288 OUNCES OF BEER; AND**

15 **(II) 2.25 LITERS OF WINE; AND**

16 **(2) FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**  
17 **LICENSE, NOT MORE THAN:**

18 **(I) 288 OUNCES OF BEER;**

19 **(II) 2.25 LITERS OF WINE; AND**

20 **(III) 2.25 LITERS OF LIQUOR.**

21 **(D) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTAINED IN A BASKET OF CHEER SHALL**  
22 **BE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
24 1, 2018.