Chapter 637

(House Bill 345)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Damascus – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

MC 9-19

FOR the purpose of repealing in Montgomery County a provision regarding the issuance of licenses in country inn zones in Damascus; repealing a restriction on the number of Class H licenses that may be issued in Damascus by the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages Section 25–102 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages Section 25–1603 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

25 - 102.

This title applies only in Montgomery County.

25 - 1603.

(a) This section applies only to Damascus (12th election district).

(b) [The Board may issue not more than two licenses with an on-sale privilege for restaurants in the country inn zone of the county.

(c)] The Board may issue a 7-day Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to a volunteer fire department.

[(d)] (C) (1) Subject to [subsection (b) of this section and] paragraph (2) of this subsection:

(i) the Board may issue [not more than two] Class H beer and wine, hotel and restaurant licenses; and

- (ii) the licenses may be renewed or transferred.
- (2) A license may be issued, transferred, or renewed if:

(i) pool tables, billiard tables, shuffleboards, dart boards, video games, pinball machines, or recreational devices are not used in the licensed premises; and

(ii) alcoholic beverages served by the license holder are consumed by customers while the customers are seated.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.