

HOUSE BILL 428

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**

3 **MC 19–21**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Montgomery County, for a certain licensing period, to ~~reimburse~~ refund holders of
6 certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and
7 to ~~reimburse~~ refund holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain
8 amount of the annual license fee; requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period,
9 to waive the ~~entire amount of the annual~~ late fee for certain alcoholic beverages
10 licenses ~~and to impose a reduced amount of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic~~
11 ~~beverages licenses~~; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
13 Montgomery County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That, notwithstanding any other law:

16 (1) for the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners
17 for Montgomery County ~~may reimburse~~ shall refund each license holder in the county:

18 (i) the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages
19 license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for
20 on–premises consumption only; ~~and~~

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 (ii) an amount equal to one-half of the annual fee for any alcoholic
 2 beverages license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages
 3 for both on- and off-premises consumption; and

4 (iii) the entire amount of any late fee for any alcoholic beverages
 5 license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on- or
 6 off-premises consumption if the fee has been paid, and shall waive the late fee if it has not
 7 been paid; and

8 (2) for the 2021–2022 licensing period:

9 (i) the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County
 10 shall waive the ~~entire amount of the annual late~~ fee for any alcoholic beverages license
 11 issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises
 12 consumption only; and

13 (ii) the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County
 14 shall ~~reduce by one-half the amount imposed for the annual~~ waive the late fee for any
 15 alcoholic beverages license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic
 16 beverages for both on- and off-premises consumption.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
 18 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
 19 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
 20 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
 21 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023,
 22 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
 23 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.