

Chapter 231

(House Bill 428)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**MC 19-21**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) for the 2021–2022 licensing period:

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.