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**House Bill 297 – Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Catering Extension
(MC 27-20)**

Economic Matters Committee

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SUPPORT

House Bill 297 (MC 27-20) simply authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a catering extension to a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license. A Class D-BWL license holder may sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption. A catering extension authorizes the license holder to sell alcoholic beverages off-premises of the licensed establishment while catering a party or event. It requires the license holder to provide food for consumption at the event and can only be used during the times that the underlying license authorizes the sale of alcohol.

Currently, the catering extension is available to the holders of Class B-BWL, Class BD-BWL, and Class B-KBWL licenses. This legislation is just expanding the catering ability to those that hold a Class D-BWL license.

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) member Denizens Brewing Company requested legislation to be permitted to cater parties. As such, MCCC urges a favorable report on House Bill 297 (MC 27-20).

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