



# Montgomery County

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**HB 432**

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**POSITION: Support**

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### **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Draft Beer for Off-Site Consumption in Damascus MC 12-21**

House Bill 432 authorizes the Board of License Commissioners (BLC) to issue a refillable container (growler) permit for draft beer or a nonrefillable container (crowler) permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class H beer and wine license holder in Damascus. Under current law, only holders of Class B Beer and Wine, Class D Beer and Wine, and Class BD Beer, Wine, and Liquor licenses may obtain a permit to sell refillable and nonrefillable containers of draft beer. Class H Beer and Wine license holders may sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption only.

In March, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order entitled "Expanding Alcohol Beverage Delivery and Carryout Services" which authorizes all retail alcohol license holders across the State to sell alcohol for off-premises consumption. However, this Executive Order will eventually expire. This bill simply adds Class H licenses in Damascus to the list of licenses currently authorized to obtain permits to sell refillable and nonrefillable containers of draft beer in the County.

Montgomery County supports House Bill 432 and respectfully requests a favorable Committee report.