



# Montgomery County

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**HB 428**

**DATE: February 17, 2021**

**SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation**

**ASSIGNED TO: Economic Matters**

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**POSITION: Support with Amendments**

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

House Bill 428 allows the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County (BLC) to: (1) refund the entire 2020-2021 license fee paid by [to] holders of on-premise consumption licenses; and (2) refund half of the 2020-2021 license fee to holders of on-and off-premise consumption licenses. The bill also requires the BLC to: (1) waive the entire 2021-2022 license fee for holders of on-premise consumption licenses; and (2) reduce by one-half the 2021-2022 license fee for holders of on-and off-premise consumption licenses.

Montgomery County supports House Bill 428 with the amendments approved by the House Delegation. The amendments: (1) require the BLC to refund license fees for on-premises and on- and off-premises consumption of alcoholic beverage licenses and waive any late fees for 2020–2021 rather than authorizing the Board to reimburse the license fees; and (2) strike the refund requirement for 2021–2022 and instead require the BLC to waive late fees for on-premises and on- and off-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages licenses for 2021–2022.

The County supports providing additional relief to Montgomery County's restaurants and bars and respectfully request a favorable with amendments Committee report.