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POSITION: Support

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages –
Class 7 Micro-Brewery License and Licenses in the Town of Kensington
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House Bill 233 authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D-BWL license to a holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery license. A Class 7 micro-brewery license is a manufacturing license and the holder may brew and bottle no more than 22,500 gallons of malt beverages at the location described in the license. A Class D-BWL license holder is authorized to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on premise consumption only. The bill also increases, from 8 to 20, the number of Class A-K (off-sale) beer and wine licenses and the aggregate number of specified licenses that the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may issue in the Town of Kensington

Currently, a Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued to a Class B-BWL, Class BD-BWL, Class D-BW, or a Class H-BW license holder. This bill would simply add Class D-BWL license holders to that list. Similar legislation passed in 2018 to include Class BD-BWL license holders.

Under current law, 8 Class A-K (off-sale) beer and wine licenses and an aggregate total of 8 of the following types of licenses: (1) a Class B-K beer and wine license; (2) a Class B-K beer, wine, and liquor license; (3) a Class BD-BWL license; (4) a Class C beer and wine license; (5) a Class D-K beer license; (6) a Class D-K beer and wine license; and (7) a Class H beer and wine license. Currently, all eight of the aggregate licenses have been issued or granted to businesses in the Town of Kensington.

Montgomery County supports House Bill 233 and respectfully requests a favorable Committee report.