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HB 345

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SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation

ASSIGNED TO: Economic Matters

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POSITION: Support

Montgomery County – Alcohol Beverage Services – Advisory Board MC 04-23

This bill authorizes the Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS) director and the Chief of Police to each designate another person to serve in their respective places as members of the eight-member Alcoholic Beverages Advisory Board (ABAB).

The County has created a number of boards and commissions that include as members the heads of executive branch agencies or elected officials and the authority proposed in House Bill 345 has been commonly conveyed to those types of appointees. Seeing no reason why the same flexibility should not exist for the ABS director and the Chief of Police as members of the ABAB, the County supports this legislation.