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POSITION: Support

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Health and Safety Regulations MC 21-25

Under current State law, all local licensing boards are required to consider the impact of the license for which application is made on the health, safety, and welfare of the community before a license may be issued or denied.

Under House Bill 1229, an additional specific condition is placed on the Montgomery County Board of Licensing Commissioners: *before deciding whether to approve an application and issue a new license permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, the board shall consider the impact of the density of existing retail establishments licensed in the county to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on the public health and safety of the community.*

Montgomery County supports the bill.