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House Bill 1074 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Montgomery County - Laytonsville - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses
MC 22-16

This emergency bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to two Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville. Under the bill, the board may continue to issue Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses as well; however, only two total alcoholic beverages licenses may be issued for use in the town of Laytonsville.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect Montgomery County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. A small business that does not qualify for a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license, but does qualify for a Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license may be able to obtain an alcoholic beverages license in Laytonsville as a result of the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 63 of 2015 repealed the authority of the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville. In place of the Class H license, the bill authorized the board to issue up to two Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville. Alcoholic beverages served by a licensee may only be

consumed by patrons while they are seated and no other alcoholic beverages licenses are authorized to be issued to a place of business in the town of Laytonsville.

The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners requires a filing fee of \$600 with each application for an alcoholic beverages license. The annual license fee for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is \$2,500 and the annual license fee for a Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant license is \$400.

Background: In fiscal 2015, there were a total of 520 Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in Montgomery County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County, Comptroller's Office, Department of Legislative Services

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