

HOUSE BILL 691

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2012

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Art Gallery Beer and**
3 **Wine License**

4 **MC 18-12**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License
6 Commissioners to issue a special art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit
7 and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork by an
8 individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a certain type of business from being
9 issued the license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer
10 and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during
11 certain hours; specifying a license fee; prohibiting the license from being
12 transferred from the location for which the license was originally issued to
13 another location; and generally relating to a special art gallery license in
14 Montgomery County.

15 BY adding to
16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 8-216.4
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2011 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 **8-216.4.**

24 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A**
2 **SPECIAL ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR**
3 **FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS ENGAGED IN THE DISPLAY AND SALE OF**
4 **ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY AN INDIVIDUAL ARTIST OR A GROUP OF ARTISTS.**

5 **(2) A BUSINESS THAT DISPLAYS AND SELLS COMMERCIALY**
6 **PREPARED OR MASS-PRODUCED ARTISTIC PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE ISSUED THE**
7 **LICENSE.**

8 **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A**
9 **HOLDER OF THE LICENSE MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE AT RETAIL FOR**
10 **CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES WHEN SNACKS ARE SERVED DURING NORMAL**
11 **BUSINESS HOURS BUT NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT.**

12 **(D) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$100.**

13 **(E) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LOCATION FOR**
14 **WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2012.