



To Lead, Advocate and Connect as the Voice of Business

**HOUSE BILL 308: MONTGOMERY COUNTY - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CLASS A LICENSES MC 20-17**

ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

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SUPPORT

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC"), as the voice of Montgomery County business, **supports House Bill 308** which authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a second Class A alcoholic beverages license to an individual that already holds a Class A license issued by any board of license commissioners in the State. The license may be used in Montgomery County by that individual, a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a limited liability company.

When businesses succeed, our community prospers. At the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), our goal is to accelerate the success of our members. To that end, MCCC supports efforts that seek to update Prohibition-era laws and regulations related to the wholesale distribution and retail sale of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County. We believe that House Bill 308 addresses one of the many concerns with the current system by granting one additional license in Montgomery County to a Class A license holder.

A second location for a store means new jobs, new orders, more economic activity. The bill does not guarantee every license holder an additional store, only those who apply and are granted an additional license.

For these reasons, we request a **favorable report** on House Bill 308.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) accelerates the success of our members by advocating for increased business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and is proud to be a Montgomery County Green Certified Business.