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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sale of Chilled Beer and Chilled**  
3 **Wine**

4 **MC 4–19**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing a dispensary of the Montgomery County Department of  
6 Liquor Control to sell chilled beer and chilled wine for off–premises consumption  
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
8 Montgomery County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 25–102  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 25–310(d) and (e)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 25–102.

5 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

6 25–310.

7 (d) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings  
8 indicated.

9 (ii) “Beer” includes draft beer in refillable and nonrefillable  
10 containers.

11 (iii) “Wine” includes wine in refillable containers.

12 (2) A dispensary:

13 (i) may sell only:

14 1. except as provided for in subsection (e) of this section, for  
15 off–premises consumption[, nonchilled]:

16 **A. CHILLED AND NONCHILLED** beer[.];

17 **B. CHILLED AND NONCHILLED** wine[.]; and

18 **C. NONCHILLED** liquor;

19 2. ice;

20 3. bottled water; and

21 4. items commonly associated with the serving or  
22 consumption of alcoholic beverages, including bottle openers, corkscrews, drink mixes, and

1 lime juice; and

2 (ii) may not sell snack foods or soft drinks.

3 (e) (1) A dispensary may sell any product in the dispensary's inventory for the  
4 purpose of:

5 (i) holding tastings of beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of the  
6 dispensary only;

7 (ii) serving, for tasting, beer, wine, and liquor; and

8 (iii) allowing the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor by an  
9 individual for tasting in a quantity of not more than:

10 1. one-half ounce from each offering of liquor;

11 2. 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in a day;

12 3. 1 ounce from each offering of wine;

13 4. 4 ounces from all offerings of wine in a day;

14 5. 3 ounces from each offering of beer; and

15 6. 12 ounces from all offerings of beer in a day.

16 (2) Once opened, a bottle used for beer, wine, or liquor tasting shall be  
17 marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.

18 **(3) A DISPENSARY MAY SELL CHILLED BEER OR CHILLED WINE FOR**  
19 **OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY FROM A KEG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING:**

20 **(I) FOR BEER, A REFILLABLE CONTAINER OR A**  
21 **NONREFILLABLE CONTAINER; AND**

22 **(II) FOR WINE, A REFILLABLE CONTAINER.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2019.

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