

BY: The Economic Development Committee
(To be offered in the Montgomery County Delegation)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1033
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3, and substitute "Task Force to Study Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages in Montgomery County"; and strike beginning with "providing" in line 5 down through "circumstances;" in line 12 and substitute "establishing the Task Force to Study Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages in Montgomery County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to hire a consultant; requiring Montgomery County to pay the cost of the consultant; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Montgomery County Delegation of the General Assembly, the Montgomery County Executive, and the Montgomery County Council on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County to conduct a certain annual survey, report to the governing body of Montgomery County on the results of the survey, and publish the report and underlying data on the Department's Web site; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 down through line 22 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages in Montgomery County.

(Over)

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair of the Montgomery County Senators;

(2) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair of the Montgomery County House Delegation;

(3) the following members, appointed jointly by the Chair of the Montgomery County Senators and the Chair of the Montgomery County House Delegation:

(i) one member from a national manufacturer of beer, wine, or spirits;

(ii) one member from a Maryland-based manufacturer of beer, wine, or spirits;

(iii) one member from a national wholesaler of wine or spirits;

(iv) one member from a Maryland-based wholesaler of wine or spirits;

(v) one member from the a Maryland-based wholesaler of beer;

(vi) one member who is an on-premises licensee in Montgomery County; and

(vii) one member who is an off-premises licensee in Montgomery County;

(4) five members appointed by the Montgomery County Executive, at least 3 of whom shall be Montgomery County employees; and

(5) two members of the UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO, AFL-CIO ;

(c) The Chair of the Montgomery County Senators and the Chair of the Montgomery County House Delegation shall jointly designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) (1) The Task Force shall hire a consultant to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties.

(2) The Montgomery County Government shall pay the cost of the consultant.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force.

(f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:

(1) whether all or part of the wholesale and retail distribution of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County should be privatized;

(2) distribution models in other states and other counties in the State;

(3) options for addressing potential loss of revenue to Montgomery County and the State;

(4) options for addressing the Liquor Control Revenue Bonds;

(Over)

(5) how to protect Montgomery County employees who may be affected by any change in the current system, including pay, benefits, and collective bargaining status; and

(6) the potential impact of any change in the current system on the public health and public safety.

(g) On or before July 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Montgomery County Delegation of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and to the Montgomery County Executive and County Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control shall:

(a) Conduct an independent survey of wholesale and retail customers regarding the products and services provided by the Department;

(b) Report to the governing body of Montgomery County on the results of the survey; and

(c) Publish the report and the underlying data on the Department's Web site.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of one year and 6 months, and at the end of December 31, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.