

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

BILL REPORT: MC 9-10

Montgomery County - Winery Special Event Permits – Farmers’ Markets (Delegates Feldman & Rice)

Motion on Bill: FAVORABLE (8-0) on February 18, 2010

Motion Offered By: FROSH

2nd By: RASKIN

Voting For: FOREHAND, FROSH, GARAGIOLA, KING, KRAMER, LENETT, RASKIN, MADALENO

Voting Against: (NONE)

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the Office of the Comptroller to issue up to 12 winery special event permits to a Class 4 Maryland limited winery for use at Farmers’ Markets in Montgomery County that are listed on the Farmers’ Market Directory of the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Holders of the permit would be prohibited from selling wine by the glass, although small wine tastings would be allowed before purchase by the bottle. The Farmers’ Market administrator or the administrator’s designee and the holder of the permit or the holder’s designee would be required to (1) be certified by an alcohol awareness program approved by the Comptroller; and (2) be present during the hours when wine may be sold.

AMENDMENTS: (None)

TESTIMONY:

Supporting: Montgomery County Executive (written), Montgomery County Council (written)

Opposing: (None)