

QUESTION C: LOCAL REFERENDUM

Damascus – Class H Beer and Light Wine Licenses – Repeal of Prohibition

Chapter 133 of 2012 (House Bill 690)

For Damascus (Election District 12) Only

Summary

This Act modifies the current statutory prohibition in Montgomery County on the issuance of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for any place of business located in Damascus (12th election district), contingent on the approval of a majority of the legally qualified voters of Damascus (12th election district).

Current law prohibits the issuance of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for any place of business located in Damascus (12th election district). The Act authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue, renew, and transfer Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel, and restaurant licenses for use in Damascus (12th election district). This type of license authorizes hotels and restaurants that have bathrooms for both sexes and minimum seating for 30 patrons to sell beer and light wine for consumption on the licensed premises during specified hours. However, under the Act, a license may not be issued to any restaurant in which pool tables, billiard tables, shuffleboards, dart boards, video games, pinball machines, or recreational devices are used. Alcoholic beverages served by a licensee may be consumed by a patron only while the patron is seated.

If this question receives a majority of votes in Damascus (12th election district), it will take effect on the thirtieth day after the official canvass of votes.