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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Beer and Wine Licenses – Shochu and Soju**

3 **MC 20–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that a retail beer and wine license issued in Montgomery
5 County authorizes the sale of shochu and soju under certain terms and conditions;
6 defining “shochu” and “soju”; and generally relating to the authority to sell shochu
7 and soju under a retail beer and wine license in Montgomery County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 25–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 25–801
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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



1 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
2 Section 25–801
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

8 25–102.

9 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

10 **25–801.**

11 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
12 INDICATED.

13 (B) “SHOCHU” MEANS A JAPANESE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE THAT CONTAINS
14 NOT MORE THAN 24% OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME AND IS DERIVED FROM
15 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

16 (C) “SOJU” MEANS A KOREAN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE THAT CONTAINS NOT
17 MORE THAN 24% OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME AND IS DERIVED FROM AGRICULTURAL
18 PRODUCTS.

19 [25–801.] **25–801.1.**

20 (A) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION,**
21 **THE** wine that may be sold under a beer and wine license may not contain more than 22%
22 of alcohol by volume, including naturally fermented or fortified wine.

23 (B) (1) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LICENSE**
24 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF WINE ALSO**
25 **AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF SHOCHU OR SOJU UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND**
26 **CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE SALE OF WINE.**

1 **(2) THE LIMIT ON ALCOHOL BY VOLUME FOR THE SALE OF WINE**
2 **ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE**
3 **SALE OF SHOCHU OR SOJU.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2018.