

HOUSE BILL 491

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Selling Near Schools, Places of**
3 **Worship, Public Libraries, and Youth Centers**

4 FOR the purpose of making certain exceptions to the prohibition against the Somerset
5 County Board of License Commissioners approving a license to sell alcoholic
6 beverages for certain establishments located within 300 feet of a school, church
7 or other place of worship, public library, or youth center; and generally relating
8 to the issuance of a license to sell alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 9–220
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 9–220.

18 **(A) (1) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION, IN Somerset County, the Board of License Commissioners may not**
20 **approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within a 300 foot measurement from**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 the nearest point of the building that is the proposed establishment for which the
2 license is requested to the nearest point of the property line of a school, church or
3 other place of worship, public library, or youth center.

4 **(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

5 **(I) A LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT THAT EXISTED BEFORE**
6 **THE SCHOOL, CHURCH OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR**
7 **YOUTH CENTER WAS BUILT WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE LICENSED**
8 **ESTABLISHMENT; AND**

9 **(II) AN ESTABLISHMENT WHOSE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS THE**
10 **HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

11 **(B)** This section may not apply to the issuance of special or temporary
12 licenses.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.