

# SENATE BILL 471

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(3lr1809)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Economic Matters* —

Introduced by **Senator Mathias**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 9–220  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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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.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 9–220.

5 (A) (1) ~~In~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
6 SUBSECTION, IN Somerset County, the Board of License Commissioners may not  
7 approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within a 300 foot measurement from  
8 the nearest point of the building that is the proposed establishment for which the  
9 license is requested to the nearest point of the property line of a school, church or  
10 other place of worship, public library, or youth center ~~UNLESS:~~

11 ~~(1) THE OWNER OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH~~  
12 ~~THE LICENSE IS REQUESTED HOLDS A CURRENT LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC~~  
13 ~~BEVERAGES AT THE ESTABLISHMENT; OR~~

14 ~~(2) A PREVIOUS OWNER OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT FOR~~  
15 ~~WHICH THE LICENSE IS REQUESTED HELD A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC~~  
16 ~~BEVERAGES AT THE SAME LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT~~

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

18 (I) A LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT THAT EXISTED BEFORE  
19 THE SCHOOL, CHURCH OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR  
20 YOUTH CENTER WAS BUILT WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE LICENSED  
21 ESTABLISHMENT; AND

22 (II) AN ESTABLISHMENT WHOSE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS THE  
23 HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

24 (B) This section may not apply to the issuance of special or temporary  
25 licenses.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 ~~July~~ October 1, 2013.