

SENATE BILL 471

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By: **Senator Mathias**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Location Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to the prohibition in Somerset County
4 against approving a license to sell alcoholic beverages at an establishment
5 located within a certain distance of a school, church or other place of worship,
6 public library, or youth center; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in
7 Somerset County.

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

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

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 9–220.

17 (A) In Somerset County, the Board of License Commissioners may not
18 approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within a 300 foot measurement from
19 the nearest point of the building that is the proposed establishment for which the
20 license is requested to the nearest point of the property line of a school, church or
21 other place of worship, public library, or youth center UNLESS:

22 (1) **THE OWNER OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH**
23 **THE LICENSE IS REQUESTED HOLDS A CURRENT LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC**
24 **BEVERAGES AT THE ESTABLISHMENT; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A PREVIOUS OWNER OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT FOR**
2 **WHICH THE LICENSE IS REQUESTED HELD A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC**
3 **BEVERAGES AT THE SAME LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT.**

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2013.