

Chapter 277

(Senate Bill 471)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9–220.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.