

HOUSE BILL 643

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By: **Delegates Ebersole, Hill, and Lam**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Issuance of Licenses Near Places of**
3 **Worship**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to
5 issue or transfer a certain license for an establishment that is at least a certain
6 number of feet away from a place of worship under certain circumstances; and
7 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 13–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
13 Assembly of 2016)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 13–1601

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
19 Assembly of 2016)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 13–102.

24 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-1601.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not
3 issue a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school.

4 (2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or school is
5 to be measured from the nearest point of the building of the establishment to the nearest
6 point of the building of the place of worship or school.

7 (b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does
8 not apply to:

9 (1) the renewal or transfer of a license of an establishment if, after issuance
10 of the license, a place of worship or school was built within 300 feet of the establishment;

11 (2) the issuance of a temporary license;

12 (3) a transfer that moves the licensed premises within the same building;

13 (4) a transfer of ownership of the licensed premises; [or]

14 (5) the renewal of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license or a
15 7-day Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license, if the licensed
16 premises has a seating capacity of more than 50 individuals and is within a town center;
17 **OR**

18 **(6) THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, OR TRANSFER OF A CLASS B BEER,**
19 **WINE, AND LIQUOR (ON-SALE) LICENSE IF THE LICENSED PREMISES IS:**

20 **(I) WITHIN A COUNTY REVITALIZATION DISTRICT;**

21 **(II) ZONED BL-CCC; AND**

22 **(III) AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2016.