

HOUSE BILL 321

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Hurlock – Alcoholic Beverages – Place-of-Worship or**
3 **School Distance Restrictions**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting the Town of Hurlock from a prohibition against issuing a
5 certain alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within a certain
6 distance from a place of worship or a public or nonpublic school in Dorchester County;
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 19–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 19–1601
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 19–102.

22 This title applies only in Dorchester County.

23 19–1601.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the
5 public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from
6 the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of
7 worship or school.

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

10 (1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

11 (2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in
12 Cambridge [or], Secretary, **OR HURLOCK**; or

13 (3) a temporary license.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2018.