

HOUSE BILL 388

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – View of Licensed Premises**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the hours within which certain individuals are required to
4 provide a certain view of the interior of licensed premises where alcoholic beverages
5 are served; specifying that a certain view may be obstructed during a certain period
6 of time for security purposes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 18–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 18–1903

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2018 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 18–102.

22 This title applies only in Charles County.

23 18–1903.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) A license holder or agent or employee of the license holder may sell alcoholic
2 beverages only in a room having at least one plain glass window or door that allows an
3 individual standing on the outside to observe the interior of the licensed premises [at]
4 **DURING** all hours **OF OPERATION**.

5 (b) **(1)** [The] **DURING ALL HOURS OF OPERATION, THE** view afforded by the
6 window or door may not be obstructed.

7 **(2)** **DURING THE HOURS THAT THE LICENSED PREMISES ARE NOT IN**
8 **OPERATION, BLINDS, A CURTAIN, A SCREEN, OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTION MAY BE**
9 **PLACED IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW OR DOOR FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.**

10 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction
11 is subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 or imprisonment or both.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2019.