

Chapter 620

(House Bill 292)

AN ACT concerning

**Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Proximity to Places of
Worship, Schools, Public Libraries, or Youth Centers**

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum distance from a place of worship, school, public library, or youth center for an establishment for which the Board of License Commissioners of Somerset County may issue a certain license; making a certain conforming change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 29–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 29–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

29–102.

This title applies only in Somerset County.

29–1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a license for an establishment that is within ~~[300]~~ **200** feet of a place of worship, school, public library, or youth center.

(2) The distance is to be measured from the nearest point of the establishment to the nearest point of the property line of the place of worship, public library, school, or youth center.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does

not apply to:

(1) a licensed establishment that existed before the place of worship, school, public library, or youth center was built within ~~[300]~~ **200** feet of the licensed establishment;

(2) an establishment having any previous owner who was the holder of a license to sell alcoholic beverages; and

(3) a temporary license.

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.