AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 39
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “Repeal of Place of Worship Prohibition” and substitute “Distance Restrictions From a Place of Worship”; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 4 down through “worship” in line 6 and substitute “authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County to waive certain distance restrictions from a place of worship for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; requiring a local governing body to hold a certain public hearing and make a certain recommendation before the Board decides whether to waive certain distance restrictions; requiring the Board to consider certain comments in making a certain decision”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, in line 4, strike “subsection” and substitute “SUBSECTIONS”; in the same line, after “(b)” insert “AND (C)”; in lines 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 9 strike “(II)”; and in line 10 strike “(III)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, after line 19, insert:

“(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ISSUE A LICENSE ON A CASE–BY–CASE BASIS.

(2) (I) BEFORE THE BOARD DECIDES WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING.

(II) THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING WHETHER THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE WAIVED.

(3) IN MAKING A DECISION WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF THE PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND

(II) COMMENTS MADE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY.”.