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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Supermarkets**  
3 **PG 312-00**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a certain exception to the prohibition against issuing,  
5 transferring, or renewing a certain off-sale alcoholic beverages license for use on  
6 certain premises; authorizing the Prince George's County Board of License  
7 Commissioners to issue, approve the transfer of, or renew a certain off-sale  
8 alcoholic beverages license for use on certain premises under certain  
9 circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to  
10 alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 9-217(h)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 9-217.

20 (h) (1) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS  
21 SUBSECTION, AN alcoholic beverage license with an off-sale privilege of any class,  
22 except by way of renewal, may not be transferred or issued to any business  
23 establishment of the type commonly known as chain stores, supermarkets, discount  
24 houses or their franchisors and franchisees or concessionaires.

25 (2) [However, those] THOSE establishments holding an alcoholic  
26 beverage license at the time of enactment of this section may continue to hold such  
27 license, and may, at the discretion of the Board of License Commissioners, change the  
28 classification of their license.

1           (3)       THE BOARD MAY ISSUE, APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF, OR RENEW A  
2 CLASS A BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE (OFF-SALE) FOR USE BY A SUPERMARKET,  
3 IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

4                   (I)       THE PREMISES ARE LOCATED IN AN INTEGRATED  
5 COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER THAT HAS A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 200,000 SQUARE  
6 FEET OF RETAIL SPACE;

7                   (II)       THE PREMISES HAVE A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 65,000 SQUARE  
8 FEET OF RETAIL SPACE; AND

9                   (III)       NO OTHER PREMISES ARE LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC  
10 BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SALE CONSUMPTION IN THE COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER.

11       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2000.