

HOUSE BILL 1272

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2009

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Off-Sale License Quota**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners of St. Mary's
4 County from issuing more than a certain number of alcoholic beverages licenses
5 with an off-sale privilege for each unit of a certain number of people in each
6 election district in the county; requiring the Board to maintain the license quota
7 by using the population figures of the most recent federal census; providing for
8 the application of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in St.
9 Mary's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 9-219(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 9-219(d)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

23 9-219.

24 (a) This section applies only in St. Mary's County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(D) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:**

2 **(1) MAY NOT ISSUE MORE THAN 1 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
3 **LICENSE WITH AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE, REGARDLESS OF LICENSE CLASS, FOR**
4 **EACH UNIT OF 4,000 PEOPLE IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY; AND**

5 **(2) SHALL MAINTAIN THE LICENSE QUOTA STATED IN ITEM (1) OF**
6 **THIS SUBSECTION BY USING THE POPULATION FIGURES OF THE MOST RECENT**
7 **FEDERAL CENSUS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
9 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
10 any effect on or application to any alcoholic beverages license issued in St. Mary's
11 County before the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2009.