

HOUSE BILL 1463

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 27, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages Sales – Proximity to Churches**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition in Charles County against issuing a license
4 to sell alcoholic beverages in a building within a certain distance of a church or
5 other place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
6 Charles County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 9–209(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 9–209(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 9–209.

21 (a) This section applies only in Charles County.

22 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
23 Board of License Commissioners may not issue any license to sell alcoholic beverages
24 in any building the nearest wall of which measured in a direct line is within 500 feet of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the property line of any [church or other place of worship or any] school accredited by
2 the State Board of Education.

3 (2) This subsection is not applicable in the event the [church or other
4 place of worship or the] school locates its building within 500 feet of any licensed
5 premises after the licensed premises are located there.

6 (3) This subsection does not apply to a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine
7 and liquor license that is issued for a premises located in a municipal corporation in
8 Charles County.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2009.