

CHAPTER 732

(House Bill 1463)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages Sales – Proximity to Churches

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

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9–209.

(a) This section applies only in Charles County.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Board of License Commissioners may not issue any license to sell alcoholic beverages in any building the nearest wall of which measured in a direct line is within 500 feet of the property line of any [church or other place of worship or any] school accredited by the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.