

# HOUSE BILL 1023

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Liquor Stores – Premises Near Churches or Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the distance that liquor stores in Baltimore City are  
4 required to be from churches or schools; and generally relating to the distance  
5 that liquor stores are required to be from churches or schools.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 9–204.3  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

14 9–204.3.

15 (a) In Baltimore City, no new license, or removal of an existing license, shall  
16 be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within [300] **500** feet of  
17 the nearest point of the buildings of a church or school, but the license of any person  
18 now holding a license for any building located within such distance of the building  
19 grounds of a church or school may be renewed or extended for the same building.

20 (b) The restrictions regarding distance do not apply to the following licenses,  
21 which may be issued within the [300] **500** feet limitation:

22 (1) Except in the 46th Legislative District, Class B beer and wine;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                   (2)    Except in the 46th Legislative District, Class B beer, wine and  
2 liquor;
- 3                   (3)    Class C beer and wine; and
- 4                   (4)    Class C beer, wine and liquor.

5           (c)    Except in the 46th Legislative District, the governing body of any church  
6 in writing may waive the restrictions of this section regarding licenses not specified in  
7 subsection (b) with respect to cafes or restaurants located within 250 feet of a theater  
8 having a capacity of not less than 300 seats, which theater is operated by a nonprofit  
9 theater association.

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2011.