

HOUSE BILL 813

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2012

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Hyattsville – Arts and Entertainment District –**
3 **Licensed Alcoholic Beverages Establishments – Distance from Churches**

4 **PG 308–12**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum distance required between a licensed
6 alcoholic beverages establishment and a church in the part of the Gateway Arts
7 and Entertainment District located in the City of Hyattsville; specifying the
8 manner in which the distance between a licensed establishment and a church is
9 to be measured; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince
10 George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 9–217(e)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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 (e) (1) **(I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS**
21 **PARAGRAPH, A** license may not be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building
22 located within 1,000 feet of a school building, or within 500 feet of a church. The 1,000
23 feet, or the 500 feet, as the case may be, is to be measured from the front door or main
24 entrance, whichever is nearest the street abutting the premises, of the proposed

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 licensed establishment along the nearest usual pedestrian route to the door closest to
2 the licensed premises which is used as an entrance or exit to any school, or to the main
3 entrance of the church building.

4 **(II) 1. IN THE PART OF THE GATEWAY ARTS AND**
5 **ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, AS**
6 **DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC**
7 **DEVELOPMENT, A LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC**
8 **BEVERAGES IN A BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN 350 FEET OF A CHURCH.**

9 **2. THE 350 FEET IS TO BE MEASURED STARTING**
10 **FROM THE FRONT DOOR OR MAIN ENTRANCE THAT IS NEAREST THE STREET**
11 **ABUTTING THE BUILDING WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE SOLD,**
12 **ALONG THE NEAREST USUAL PEDESTRIAN ROUTE, AND ENDING AT THE MAIN**
13 **ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2012.