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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 813

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Prince George's County - Hyattsville - Arts and Entertainment District - Licensed  
Alcoholic Beverages Establishments - Distance from Places of Worship  
PG 308-12

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This bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages license from being granted to sell alcoholic beverages in a building located within 350 feet of a place of worship in the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District located in the City of Hyattsville. The bill specifies how the distance restriction must be measured.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County license fee revenues increase by \$6,000 in FY 2013 and by \$4,600 annually thereafter. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners can handle any additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. The bill accommodates new alcoholic beverages licenses in the Gateway Arts and Entertainment District in Hyattsville.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Countywide, alcoholic beverages may not be sold within 500 feet of a church, unless the governing body of the church consents in writing. This does not apply to a transfer or assignment of a license within 1,000 feet to another place within the specified distance or to an assignee of the license within the distance of the same church. Renewals of licenses for establishments where churches later moved in are permitted.

**Local Revenues:** The Gateway Arts and Entertainment District in Hyattsville is currently under development. Based on prior applications for this area that were denied on the basis of being within 500 feet of a church, the board anticipates that the bill will lead to the granting of two additional Class B-AE licenses. Total annual fees for such a license, including application costs and a Sunday sales fee, are \$3,005. Accordingly, annual county license fee revenues are anticipated to increase by \$6,010 in fiscal 2013 and by \$4,610 annually thereafter.

This estimate is based on a \$1,455 annual license fee, \$850 Sunday sales fee, and a \$700 application fee.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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