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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 491

(Delegate Otto)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Selling Near Schools, Places of Worship,
Public Libraries, and Youth Centers**

This bill creates exceptions to the prohibition in Somerset County against approving a license to sell alcoholic beverages in a building located within 300 feet of a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center unless (1) a licensed establishment existed before a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center was built within 300 feet of the licensed establishment and (2) an establishment whose previous owner was the holder of a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Altering an existing restriction will not materially impact Somerset County's operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for establishments that are able to obtain an alcoholic beverages license under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: The Somerset County Board of License Commissioners may not grant any license, except special or temporary licenses, to sell alcoholic beverages in a building located within 300 feet of a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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