

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 901  
Economic Matters

(Howard County Delegation)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages Establishments - Distance from Schools**

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This bill alters the minimum distance restriction in Howard County so that a Class B license to sell alcoholic beverages may not be granted for a restaurant located within 400 feet from the nearest point of a public school building.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Altering an existing restriction will not materially impact Howard 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.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A license to sell alcoholic beverages in Howard County may not be first issued after June 30, 1971, for any building located within 500 feet of the nearest point of a public school building.

**Background:** There are 270 alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County, of which 161 are Class B licenses.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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