

Chapter 53

**(Senate Bill 3)**

AN ACT concerning

**Dorchester County – Hurlock – Alcoholic Beverages – Place-of-Worship or School Distance Restrictions**

FOR the purpose of exempting the Town of Hurlock from a prohibition against issuing a certain alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within a certain distance from a place of worship or a public or nonpublic school in Dorchester County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 19–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 19–1601  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does

not apply to the issuance of:

- (1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;
- (2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge [or], Secretary, **OR HURLOCK**; or
- (3) a temporary license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.**