

# HOUSE BILL 292

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Proximity to Places of**  
3 **Worship, Schools, Public Libraries, or Youth Centers**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the minimum distance from a place of worship, school, public  
5 library, or youth center for an establishment for which the Board of License  
6 Commissioners of Somerset County may issue a certain license; making a certain  
7 conforming change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 29–102  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 29–1601  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 29–102.

23 This title applies only in Somerset County.

24 29–1601.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (a)   (1)    Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not  
2 issue a license for an establishment that is within ~~[300]~~ **200** feet of a place of worship,  
3 school, public library, or youth center.

4                   (2)    The distance is to be measured from the nearest point of the  
5 establishment to the nearest point of the property line of the place of worship, public  
6 library, school, or youth center.

7           (b)    The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does  
8 not apply to:

9                   (1)    a licensed establishment that existed before the place of worship,  
10 school, public library, or youth center was built within ~~[300]~~ **200** feet of the licensed  
11 establishment;

12                   (2)    an establishment having any previous owner who was the holder of a  
13 license to sell alcoholic beverages; and

14                   (3)    a temporary license.

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2019.