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Third Reader

House Bill 292

(Delegate Otto)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Proximity to Places of
Worship, Schools, Public Libraries, or Youth Centers

This bill lowers, from 300 feet to 200 feet, the distance from a place of worship, school, public library, or youth center within which the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners is prohibited from issuing an alcoholic beverages license and makes other conforming changes. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Somerset County 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: Generally, the board may not issue alcoholic beverages licenses to establishments located within 300 feet of a place of worship, public library, school, or youth center unless the licensed establishment existed prior to the introduction of any of these specified places.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 338 (Senator Carozza) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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