By: St. Mary’s County Delegation
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AN ACT concerning
St. Mary’s County – Leonardtown – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Place of Worship Distance Restriction

FOR the purpose of exempting the Town of Leonardtown from a prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license to an establishment located within a certain distance of a place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.
This title applies only in St. Mary’s County.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet 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 nearest wall of the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or the school.

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

(1) [to the issuance of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for an establishment] in Leonardtown; or

(2) if a place of worship or school locates its building within 300 feet of a premises that is already licensed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.