

**HB0564/763224/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 564  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “criteria;” insert “authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school;”; and after line 20, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 19-1601  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

“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.

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(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, Secretary, or Hurlock; [or]

(3) a temporary license; OR

(4) A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.”.