

**HB0306 Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Waiver From Distance
Restrictions**

Testimony on behalf of Delegate Johnson and Delegate Lisanti

Economic Matters

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The legislation will establish a waiver process for certain licenses from certain places of worship requiring local licensing boards to hold hearings and make recommendations to be considered before the Board decides to issue a distance waiver of less than 1000 ft and up to 300 ft from a church.

This bill is consistent with language passed by the Committee 2 years ago establishing the distance between a school and certain licenses.

Public hearing was held on January 27, 2020 with no opposition. Representatives of commercial, community real estate and community churches spoke in favor of the legislation.