

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2024 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: March 12, 2024

Bill No.: 1552

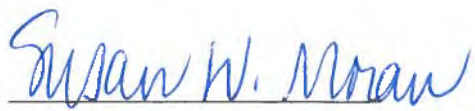
Expiration Date: May 16, 2024

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Leshner, Mr. Stepp

**A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERALLY EXEMPTING THOMPSON PARK, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, FROM THE 500-FOOT PUBLIC PARK SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR NEW OFF-SALE LICENSES**

By the Council: March 12, 2024

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse, South Wing, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order:   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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**SECTION ONE:** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 11 (Alcoholic Beverages) shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

**KEY**

**Boldface**.....Heading or defined term  
~~Strikethrough~~.....Deleted from law by Bill  
\* \* \* .....Existing law unaffected

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**§ 11-8 General provisions on issue of licenses**

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**D. Restrictions upon off-sale licenses, market-test, grandfathering**

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- (7) New off-sale licenses shall be at least 500 feet from public or private schools, public parks, except for Thompson Park at the intersection of Washington Street and Dover Street in the Town of Easton ~~when issued to a Class I alcohol dispensary bistro~~, and correctional facilities. Licensees holding off-sale licenses lawfully issued and validly existing on the effective date of this chapter shall be permitted to renew and maintain such licenses at existing locations, provided that all such applications for renewal otherwise comply with all then-existing ordinances, laws, and regulations, as amended from time to time.

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**SECTION TWO:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that if any provision of this Bill or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Bill which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Bill are declared severable.

**SECTION THREE:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Publishers of the Talbot County Code and the Talbot County Office of Law, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County Manager, may make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and any internal or external reference or citation included in this Bill, as finally adopted, that are incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Council. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in an editor's note following the section affected.

**SECTION FOUR:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1552 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

## BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: April 23, 2024

By Order   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan - Aye

Stepp - Aye

Leshner - Aye (via absentee ballot)

Mielke - Aye

Haythe - Aye

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 22, 2024