

# HOUSE BILL 491

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Selling Near Schools, Places of**  
3 **Worship, Public Libraries, and Youth Centers**

4 FOR the purpose of making certain exceptions to the prohibition against the Somerset  
5 County Board of License Commissioners approving a license to sell alcoholic  
6 beverages for certain establishments located within 300 feet of a school, church  
7 or other place of worship, public library, or youth center; and generally relating  
8 to the issuance of a license to sell alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 9–220  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 9–220.

18 **(A) (1) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
19 **SUBSECTION, IN Somerset County, the Board of License Commissioners may not**  
20 **approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within a 300 foot measurement from**  
21 **the nearest point of the building that is the proposed establishment for which the**  
22 **license is requested to the nearest point of the property line of a school, church or**  
23 **other place of worship, public library, or youth center.**

24 **(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I) A LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT THAT EXISTED BEFORE**  
2 **THE SCHOOL, CHURCH OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR**  
3 **YOUTH CENTER WAS BUILT WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE LICENSED**  
4 **ESTABLISHMENT; AND**

5                   **(II) AN ESTABLISHMENT WHOSE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS THE**  
6 **HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

7           **(B)** This section may not apply to the issuance of special or temporary  
8 licenses.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2013.