

HOUSE BILL 388

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – View of Licensed Premises**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the hours within which certain individuals are required to
4 provide a certain view of the interior of licensed premises where alcoholic beverages
5 are served; ~~specifying that a certain view may be obstructed during a certain period~~
6 ~~of time for security purposes;~~ authorizing a license holder to install a protective
7 covering over an exterior door or window of the licensed premises under certain
8 circumstances; providing that this Act does not prevent an inspection and search of
9 the licensed premises under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
10 alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 18–102
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 18–1903
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages

18-102.

This title applies only in Charles County.

18-1903.

(a) A license holder or agent or employee of the license holder may sell alcoholic beverages only in a room having at least one plain glass window or door that allows an individual standing on the outside to observe the interior of the licensed premises [at] **DURING** all hours **OF OPERATION**.

(b) ~~(1)~~ [The] **DURING ALL HOURS OF OPERATION, THE** view afforded by the window or door may not be obstructed.

~~(2) DURING THE HOURS THAT THE LICENSED PREMISES ARE NOT IN OPERATION, BLINDS, A CURTAIN, A SCREEN, OR ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTION MAY BE PLACED IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW OR DOOR FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.~~

(C) (1) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY INSTALL A PROTECTIVE COVERING OVER AN EXTERIOR DOOR OR WINDOW OF THE LICENSED PREMISES IF THE COVERING IS:

(I) USED ONLY WHEN THE LICENSED PREMISES IS NOT OCCUPIED;

(II) DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE LICENSED PREMISES FROM UNLAWFUL INTRUSION OR DESTRUCTION; AND

(III) SECURED ONLY FROM THE EXTERIOR OF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PREVENT AN INSPECTION AND SEARCH OF THE LICENSED PREMISES UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~(D)~~ (D) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 or imprisonment or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.