

HOUSE BILL 474

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Leonardtown – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Place of**
3 **Worship Distance Restriction**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting the Town of Leonardtown from a prohibition against issuing
5 an alcoholic beverages license to an establishment located within a certain distance
6 of a place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St.
7 Mary's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 28–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 28–1602
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 28–102.

22 This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

23 28–1602.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not
2 issue a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or a public
3 or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

4 (2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the
5 public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from
6 the nearest wall of the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main
7 building of the place of worship or the school.

8 (b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does
9 not apply:

10 (1) [to the issuance of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for
11 an establishment] in Leonardtown; or

12 (2) if a place of worship or school locates its building within 300 feet of a
13 premises that is already licensed.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2022.