

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 49 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "General Provisions on Issue of Licenses", be and the same is hereby repealed and new Section 49 enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed and to read as follows:*

49. (a) In Charles County, when application for a liquor license is made to sell alcoholic beverages in a building which is not completed, the Charles County Liquor Board and County Commissioners may give tentative approval of the application on the basis of plans and specifications accompanying the application. Upon completion of the building in accordance with the aforesaid plans and specifications, the liquor board may give final approval of the application. Any new license approved by the board after June 1, 1953, shall not be issued unless confirmed by the County Commissioners of Charles County.

(b) In Charles County, the liquor board shall not approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages in any building the nearest wall of which measured in a direct line is within five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any school, church or other place of worship, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SUB-SECTION SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE IN THE EVENT ANY SCHOOL, CHURCH, OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP LOCATES ITS BUILDING WITHIN 500 FEET OF ANY LICENSED PREMISES AFTER THE LICENSED PREMISES ARE THERE ESTABLISHED.

(c) Nothing in this section shall apply to or affect or prohibit, in any manner, the renewal or transfer of any license issued prior to June 1, 1959.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREINABOVE IN THIS ACT, THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT APPLY IN THE EVENT THE APPLICANT AFFIRMATIVELY SHOWS THAT HE BEGAN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THEREIN ON SOME DATE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1, 1959.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 28, 1959.

CHAPTER 745

(House Bill 371)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37 (x) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.