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CHAPTER 444

(House Bill 158)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Licenses

FOR the purpose of exempting, in Charles County, Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor licenses from the prohibition against the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses for premises within a certain distance of certain places of worship and schools in a municipal corporation; and generally relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 9-209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

9-209.

(a) This section applies only in Charles County.

(b) (1) The Board of License Commissioners may not issue more than 1 of any class of alcoholic beverages license with an off-sale privilege for each unit of 1,350 people, based on the population figures of the last federal census, within each election district in the County.

(2) A license issued under this subsection may not be transferred from one election district to another.

(3) (i) This subsection may not be construed to require the forfeiture or revocation of any alcoholic beverages license issued and outstanding on October 1, 1992.

(ii) In any election district in which the quota is exceeded as of that date, the total number of licenses shall be reduced from time to time only by the voluntary relinquishment of licenses by the licensees, by bankruptcy, or by the workings of other provisions of this article. A new license may not be issued in any election district unless the issue may be made without exceeding the quota provided for in this subsection.