Annotated Code of Maryland (1990 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 52A(a)(5) Annotated Code of Maryland (1990 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

52A.

- (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), [and] (4), AND (5) of this subsection, in Harford County, the Board of License Commissioners may not approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of any church or other place of worship or within 1,000 feet of any public school building. This section does not affect any license existing on July 1, 1975 or the transfer or issuance of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license for the use on any premises licensed on July 1, 1975. The Board may not approve any license to sell alcoholic beverages within 1,000 feet of any private, parochial, or bona fide church school building. This section does not affect any license existing on July 1, 1977. This section does not affect the renewal, transfer, or upgrading of a license unless transferred to a new location. Measurement of the required distance shall be made from the nearest point of the building of the establishment to the nearest point of the building of the school, church, or other place of worship. Any decision of the Harford County Board of Education after June 30, 1975 to locate a public school building within 1,000 feet of an existing licensee may not be the basis for the revocation or denial of renewal, transfer, or upgrading of that alcoholic beverages license. This section does not preclude a church or school from applying for a 1-day license to be used on their premises.
- (5) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION RELATING TO DISTANCE FROM A CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP DO NOT APPLY TO THE ISSUANCE OF A 1-DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE FOR USE WITHIN A BUILDING THAT:
 - (I) IS CONSTRUCTED AFTER JULY 1, 1991; AND
 - (H) IF:
- (I) THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED AFTER JULY 1, 1991; AND
- (II) THE BUILDING IS USED FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.