Chapter 218

(House Bill 13)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – 45th Legislative District – Alcoholic Beverages – Landlords – Licensed Premises

FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor in the 45th Legislative District in Baltimore City for a landlord to rent out a premises to be used for the sale of alcoholic beverages by a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license if the landlord knows or has reason to know that the use would violate a certain minimum distance requirement between a licensed premises and a place of worship or school; providing for the application of this Act; providing a penalty; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the 45th Legislative District in Baltimore City.

BY adding to
      Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
      Section 16–509.1
      Annotated Code of Maryland
      (2011 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

16–509.1.

(A) IN THE 45TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN BALTIMORE CITY, A LANDLORD MAY NOT RENT OUT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF ANY TYPE A PREMISES TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IF THE LANDLORD KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW THAT THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES WOULD VIOLATE A PROVISION IN THIS ARTICLE THAT REQUIRES A MINIMUM DISTANCE TO BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN A LICENSED PREMISES AND A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $1,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any premises rented out to be used for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the 45th Legislative District of Baltimore City before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.