

HOUSE BILL 813

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2012

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Hyattsville – Arts and Entertainment District –**
3 **Licensed Alcoholic Beverages Establishments – Distance from ~~Churches~~**
4 **Places of Worship**

5 **PG 308–12**

6 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the minimum distance required between a licensed~~
7 ~~alcoholic beverages establishment and a church in the part of the Gateway Arts~~
8 ~~and Entertainment District located in the City of Hyattsville; specifying the~~
9 ~~manner in which the distance between a licensed establishment and a church is~~
10 ~~to be measured~~ allowing in the part of the Gateway Arts and Entertainment
11 District in the City of Hyattsville the use of the front door or main entrance of
12 an establishment for which a certain alcoholic beverages license is issued if the
13 door or entrance is at least a certain distance from a place of worship; making
14 stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince
15 George's County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 9–217(e)(1)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9–217.

(e) (1) (I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A license may not be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 1,000 feet of a school building, or within 500 feet of a ~~church~~ PLACE OF WORSHIP. The 1,000 feet, or the 500 feet, as the case may be, is to be measured from the front door or main entrance, whichever is nearest the street abutting the premises, of the proposed licensed establishment along the nearest usual pedestrian route to the door closest to the licensed premises which is used as an entrance or exit to any school, or to the main entrance of the ~~church building~~ PLACE OF WORSHIP.

(II) ~~1. IN THE PART OF THE GATEWAY ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, AS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A BUILDING LOCATED WITHIN 350 FEET OF A CHURCH.~~

~~2. THE 350 FEET IS TO BE MEASURED STARTING FROM THE FRONT DOOR OR MAIN ENTRANCE THAT IS NEAREST THE STREET ABUTTING THE BUILDING WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE SOLD, ALONG THE NEAREST USUAL PEDESTRIAN ROUTE, AND ENDING AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH~~ THE FRONT DOOR OR MAIN ENTRANCE OF AN ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH A CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE IS ISSUED MAY BE USED IF THE DOOR OR ENTRANCE IS AT LEAST 350 FEET FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.