

## Chapter 755

**(House Bill 474)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County – Leonardtown – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Place of  
Worship Distance Restriction**

FOR the purpose of exempting the Town of Leonardtown from a prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license to an establishment located within a certain distance of a place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 28–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 28–1602  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

28–102.

This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

28–1602.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the nearest wall of the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or the school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does

not apply:

(1) [to the issuance of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for an establishment] in Leonardtown; or

(2) if a place of worship or school locates its building within 300 feet of a premises that is already licensed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.**