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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

Date: May 3, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 48-21

Effective August 8, 2016, provisions relating to restaurants with off-sales and restaurants with a package goods store were added to the Code provision relating to alcoholic beverages uses as accessory to other uses. *See* Bill 28-16. Section 1-101 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the State Code defines “off-sale” as “the sale of alcoholic beverages that are to be consumed off the licensed premises.”

Specifically, under the Bill, an off-sale alcoholic beverage license use, for a restaurant with off-sales or a restaurant with a package goods store, must be located at least one mile from a package goods store. The bill also provides that an off-sale alcoholic license use for a package goods store use operated on the same property as and under common ownership with a restaurant must be limited to 15% of the floor area of the restaurant, not to exceed 1,000 square feet. These distance and floor area requirements do not apply to the sale of package goods exclusively available through the restaurant or produced by the restaurant.

Bill No. 48-21 repeals these provisions as unnecessary. It also updates a reference to a State Code provision relating to distance requirements from schools and religious facilities.

* This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.