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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 543, Title 4 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 543. Grounds for refusal of license; transfer or extension of premises [Effective Mar. 31, 2021].

4 (d) The Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor by any ~~taproom, store, store~~ or
5 establishment for consumption off the premises, when there is an existing licensed establishment of similar type within ½
6 mile by accessible public road or street in any incorporated city or town, or within 3 miles by accessible public road or
7 street in any unincorporated or rural area measured in driving distance both ways between the existing and proposed
8 establishments. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

SYNOPSIS

This Act removes taproom from the establishments for which the Commissioner shall refuse to grant a license for the sale of alcohol when there is an existing licensed establishment of similar type within a specified distance. The minimum distance between licensed establishments of similar type is made applicable only to a store or establishment for consumption off premises.