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House Bill 466  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Arentz, *et al.*)

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Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Inspector

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This bill repeals the Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners' authority to appoint an alcoholic beverages inspector. Instead, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners, with the advice of the board, must appoint an alcoholic beverages inspector. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Queen Anne's County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In Queen Anne's County, the board is required to appoint an alcoholic beverages inspector with an annual salary of at least \$3,000. The county must provide the inspector a mileage allowance as determined by the county commissioners.

The inspector is required to:

- investigate all applicants for a license or transfer of a license;
- conduct an unannounced inspection of every licensed premises in the county at least once every 60 days;

- with specified exceptions, enforce all alcoholic beverages laws with the same power as a law enforcement officer of the State;
- investigate all violations of the alcoholic beverages laws and report them to the board;
- submit specified monthly reports in writing to the board; and
- conduct compliance checks relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 for every licensed premises in accordance with regulations adopted by the board.

**Background:** In fiscal 2019, there were 91 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Queen Anne’s County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Queen Anne’s County; Department of Legislative Services

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