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By: **Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Office of Legislative Audits – Performance Audits**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the frequency of certain performance audits of the Board of
4 Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City and the Board of License
5 Commissioners for Prince George’s County that are required to be conducted by the
6 Office of Legislative Audits; and generally relating to performance audit reports.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 2–1220(f) and (g)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 2–1220.

16 (f) (1) At least once every [4] **6** years, the Office of Legislative Audits shall
17 conduct a performance audit of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore
18 City to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the management practices of the Board
19 and of the economy with which the Board uses resources.

20 (2) At any time on request of the President and the Speaker, the Office
21 shall conduct a performance audit of the local licensing board, as defined in § 1–101 of the
22 Alcoholic Beverages Article, for a county or for the City of Annapolis to evaluate the
23 effectiveness and efficiency of the management practices of the board and of the economy
24 with which the board uses resources.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) The performance audit shall focus on operations relating to liquor
2 inspections, licensing, disciplinary procedures, and management oversight.

3 (g) (1) [Beginning on July 1, 2017, and at least once every 3 years thereafter]
4 **AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 6 YEARS**, the Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct a
5 performance audit of the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to
6 evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the management practices of the Board and of
7 the economy with which the Board uses resources.

8 (2) The performance audit shall focus on operations relating to liquor
9 inspections, licensing, disciplinary procedures, and management oversight.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2024.