

# SENATE BILL 1047

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By: **Anne Arundel County Senators**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Music and Entertainment**  
3 **Privileges**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel  
5 County to receive written approval from the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning  
6 and Zoning for a music and entertainment permit before the permit may be  
7 considered at a hearing; requiring the area used for the activity under the permit to  
8 be at least a certain distance from all residentially zoned properties; renaming the  
9 entertainment permit to be a limited entertainment permit; renaming the dancing  
10 permit to be a full entertainment permit; and generally relating to alcoholic  
11 beverages in Anne Arundel County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
14 Section 11–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
19 Section 11–1102  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

25 11–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

2 11-1102.

3 (a) (1) On the premises, or on adjacent property over which a license holder  
4 has ownership or control, a license holder:

5 (i) may allow piped-in background music or one television screen;  
6 but

7 (ii) unless issued a permit described in this section that authorizes  
8 the activity, may not allow:

- 9 1. the playing of music, including live music;
- 10 2. the operation of a karaoke machine;
- 11 3. the playing of music by a disc jockey; or
- 12 4. dancing, floor shows, or any other similar type of  
13 entertainment.

14 (2) **BEFORE A PERMIT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION MAY BE**  
15 **CONSIDERED AT A HEARING, THE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR**  
16 **THE PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING.**

17 (3) The Board may issue a permit described in this section only if the Board  
18 finds that:

19 (i) the applicant can control the individuals using the licensed  
20 premises;

21 (ii) the operation of the premises under the permit will not unduly  
22 disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is  
23 located; [and]

24 (iii) **THE AREA USED FOR THE ACTIVITY UNDER THE PERMIT,**  
25 **WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, IS AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ALL**  
26 **RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY; AND**

27 (IV) the issuing of the permit:

- 28 1. is necessary to accommodate the public;
- 29 2. will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and



1 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class  
2 BLX license;

3 (iii) a Class C license;

4 (iv) a Class D license; or

5 (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H  
6 license.

7 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other  
8 legal forms of entertainment.

9 (4) The Board may not issue the permit to a holder of a Class BLX license  
10 or a Class H license if the premises for which the Class BLX license or Class H license is  
11 issued is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a place of worship or  
12 school.

13 (5) The annual permit fees are:

14 (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;

15 (ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and

16 (iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

17 (e) (1) There is an outdoor permit.

18 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class  
19 BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

20 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide outdoor table service to  
21 customers on the grounds of the licensed establishment.

22 (4) The annual permit fee is \$100.

23 (5) Before the permit may be renewed, a holder shall obtain approval from  
24 the Board.

25 (f) (1) There is an outdoor entertainment permit.

26 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class  
27 BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license who also holds a  
28 music permit, an entertainment permit, or a dancing permit under this section.

29 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide:

1                   (i)     the same form of entertainment outdoors that the holder is  
2 allowed to provide indoors under the holder's music permit, entertainment permit, or  
3 dancing permit; and

4                   (ii)    outdoor table service or cafe service.

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2024.