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Assigned to: Economic Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## Anne Arundel County - Multiple Class H Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of License
Commissioners to issue to holders of retail alcoholic beverages licenses a certain number of Class H (beer, wine and liquor) licenses or Class H (beer and wine) licenses under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue to persons who do not hold a retail alcoholic beverages license a certain maximum number of licenses under certain conditions; requiring the Board of License Commissioners to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; requiring the Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation in consultation with the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to conduct a certain study and to report its findings and recommendations on or before a certain date to certain persons; and generally relating to Class H alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY adding to
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9-102(h-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9-301(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 9-102.
3 (H-1) (1) A CURRENT HOLDER OF ANY RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 4 LICENSE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY BE ISSUED A SECOND LICENSE BY THE 5 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IF:

6 (I) THE SECOND LICENSE IS A CLASS H (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) 7 LICENSE OR A CLASS H (BEER AND WINE) LICENSE; AND
(II) THE RESTAURANT FOR WHICH THE CLASS H LICENSE UNDER 9 ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS SOUGHT IS LOCATED WITHIN:

1. A SUBURBAN COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGNATED BY ANNE 1 ARUNDEL COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILL NOS. 36-96 AND 70-96 OF THE 2 ORDINANCES OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; OR

4 ON OCTOBER 1, 1999:
(I) AT LEAST ONE OF THE LICENSES IS A CLASS H (BEER AND 30 WINE) LICENSE OR A CLASS H (BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR) LICENSE; AND

26 In the enumerated subdivisions below, a person, partnership, firm or 27 corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have an interest in more than one 28 license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock
29 ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other
30 manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person,
31 firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in
32 more than one license.
33 (3) (i) In Anne Arundel County, a person, franchisor, franchisee, chain 34 store operation, partnership, firm or corporation, except by way of renewal, may not
35 have any interest in more than one license, whether held or controlled by direct or
36 indirect ownership, by franchise operation, by chain store operation, by stock
37 ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other
38 manner directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this subsection to prohibit any such

1 persons, franchisor, franchisee, chain store operation, firm, partnership, or
2 corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license.
3 Nothing in this subsection applies to or affects any such type of business
4 establishment already holding such a license or the possibility of such licensee having
5 the license transferred to a similar type of business establishment.
6 (ii) This subsection does not apply to licenses issued under the 7 provisions of §§ 8-202(i) AND 9-102(H-1) of this article.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 October 1, 2000.

