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**FISCAL NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 342 (Senator Jimeno)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Anne Arundel County - Noise Control - Sports Shooting Clubs**

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This bill prohibits Anne Arundel County from adopting sound level limits that would disallow trapshooting, skeetshooting, or other target shooting between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. at shooting sports clubs that were chartered and in operation before July 1, 1983.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Anne Arundel County finances would not be directly affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Anne Arundel County is excluded from the counties that cannot regulate the sound levels of sports shooting clubs established prior to July 1, 1983, and therefore may adopt noise control ordinances that would affect all shooting clubs. MDE establishes noise control standards, and the counties and Baltimore City, except in specified situations, may not establish standards that are less stringent than MDE's.

**Background:** A new golf course and residential development are being built in the vicinity of the Stoney Creek Fishing and Hunting Club in Pasadena. The club is concerned that, with the encroaching population, it will begin receiving complaints about the noise from its shooting range.

**Small Business Effect:** Under current law, small business sports shooting clubs in Anne Arundel County could potentially be forced out of business if citizen complaints lead to increased county regulation. The passage of the bill guarantees that shooting clubs established prior to July 1983 will not be subject to county ordinances, thereby enabling them to continue business without the concern of increased regulation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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