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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 1036 (Senators DeGrange and Astle)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Immediate Suspension of Licenses**

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This emergency bill authorizes the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to immediately suspend an alcoholic beverages license for 15 to 90 days for a violation of the alcoholic beverages article. An appeal does not stay an order of the board suspending a license.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not materially affect the finances or operations of Anne Arundel County.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Any license or permit issued under the provisions of the alcoholic beverages article may be revoked or suspended by the issuing authority for any cause which in the judgment of the official, court or board, is necessary to promote the peace or safety of the community. These causes may include a violation of alcoholic beverage tax provisions, filing of a fraudulent or inaccurate application for a license, failure to meet recordkeeping or inspection requirements, possession of unauthorized beverages for sale, a conviction under federal law, or failure to furnish bond. In Anne Arundel County and other specified jurisdictions, cause may also include nudity or sexual displays on the licensed premises.

An issuing authority may suspend or revoke a license after a hearing on the charges to be framed by the officer or board, or upon a complaint, notice of which must be given to the licensee at least 10 days before a hearing.

In Anne Arundel County, the board of license commissioners is authorized to order a licensee in specified election districts to exchange an alcoholic beverages license for a more restricted license instead of ordering the revocation or suspension of a license.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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