Chapter 193

(Senate Bill 499)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners

Term Limits and Commercial Bingo License – Term Limits

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a member of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from serving more than four consecutive terms; extending the term of a certain member of the Board; authorizing the Board to issue a commercial bingo license to the owner of a licensed commercial bingo establishment; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners for alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–1002.1
to be Section 11–1002.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–102 and 11–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–202(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–1002.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 11–1002.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11–1002.2.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–201.

There is a Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

11–202.

(c) (1) The term of a member is 2 years.

(2) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN FOUR CONSECUTIVE
TERMS.

11–1002.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMERCIAL BINGO”:

(1) MEANS ANY BINGO GAME AUTHORIZED BY LAW IN THE COUNTY
FOR WHICH ANY TYPE OF CONSIDERATION IS PAID OR COLLECTED IN ORDER TO
PLAY THE GAME; AND

(2) DOES NOT INCLUDE BINGO CONDUCTED BY CHARITABLE OR
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE
CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(B) THERE IS A COMMERCIAL BINGO LICENSE.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A LICENSED
COMMERCIAL BINGO ESTABLISHMENT.

(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR FROM ANY LOCATION IN THE COMMERCIAL BINGO ESTABLISHMENT
FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION ANYWHERE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT.

(E) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PURCHASED UNDER THE LICENSE MAY BE
CARRIED AND CONSUMED ANYWHERE IN THE COMMERCIAL BINGO ESTABLISHMENT.
(F)  (1) The license holder may sell alcoholic beverages Monday through Sunday during normal business hours, but not later than 2 a.m.

(2) The license holder need not obtain a Sunday license under §11–2004 of this title to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

(G) The annual license fee is $2,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding §11–202(c)(1) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the term of the member of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County who was initially appointed by the Governor to the Board in 2021 shall expire on April 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022 is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.