

**HB0577/253226/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 577  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Miscellaneous**” insert “**Enforcement for**”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “**Enforcement and Penalties**” and substitute “**Study**”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “persons” in line 8 and substitute “requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business licenses”; in line 9, strike “penalties and”; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 17, insert:

“(a) The Comptroller, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller’s Office enforces miscellaneous State business licenses under Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article.

(b) The Comptroller shall consult with, at a minimum, the following stakeholders:

- (1) the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission;
- (2) the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
- (3) the Maryland Retailers Alliance;
- (4) the Maryland Restaurant Association;

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(5) the Job Opportunities Task Force; and

(6) the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks' Association.

(c) On or before December 1, 2025, the Comptroller shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, including:

(1) a review of the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office enforces the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(2) a review and recommendation as to whether civil citations could be used rather than or in conjunction with criminal citations to enforce the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(3) recommendations on how to ensure that the Field Enforcement Bureau can, for the purposes of license enforcement, properly identify and contact the owner, operator, or responsible party for a miscellaneous State business license;

(4) recommendations on how to ensure citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement are only issued to the business owner, operator, or responsible party; and

(5) recommendations on how the Field Enforcement Bureau can effectively issue citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement when the business owner does not reside in the State."

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 21 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 23, strike "October" and substitute "July".