

SENATE BILL 220

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission)**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission – Enforcement Activities –**
3 **Memorandum of Understanding**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis
5 Commission and the Comptroller of Maryland enter into a memorandum of
6 understanding for cooperative activities in inspections and other enforcement
7 activities; and generally relating to the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 1–321
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2024 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

16 1–321.

17 (a) In order to increase efficiency and accuracy in the performance of their
18 respective duties and responsibilities under this article and other laws relating to alcohol
19 and tobacco, the Commission and the Comptroller shall:

20 (1) cooperate and share information and personnel in investigations of
21 licensed premises and other locations and materials relating to the enforcement of the
22 alcohol and tobacco laws of the State; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) cooperate and share information and personnel in other matters
2 relating to the manufacture, processing, importation, taxation, sale, and service of alcohol
3 and tobacco in the State[; and

4 (3) enter into a memorandum of understanding for cooperative activities in
5 inspections and other enforcement activities relating to the alcohol and tobacco laws of the
6 State].

7 (b) (1) The Commission may enter into memoranda of understanding and
8 other cooperative arrangements with federal, State, and local governmental units in
9 carrying out this article and other alcohol and tobacco laws of the State in the interest of
10 reducing duplication of efforts and reducing the overall costs of administration of inspection
11 and enforcement programs to the State.

12 (2) The Executive Director may also enter into memoranda of
13 understanding and other cooperative arrangements with federal, State, and local
14 governmental units to address operational matters and efficiencies in carrying out this
15 article and other alcohol and tobacco laws of the State.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2025.