

SENATE BILL 972

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By: **Senator Lam**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for
4 Anne Arundel County; altering the eligibility requirements for Board membership;
5 requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy; requiring the Board
6 to include an option to provide certain information on an application for the issuance
7 of a license or a license renewal; requiring the Board to submit a certain report
8 regarding enforcement actions to the General Assembly each year; and generally
9 relating to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 11–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 11–202(a) and (b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
22 Section 11–210, 11–1409, and 11–2607
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11-102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11-202.

(a) (1) The Governor shall appoint ~~[three]~~ **FIVE** members to the Board.

(2) The appointments shall be made[:

(i) if the Senate is in session,] with the advice and consent of the Senate[; or

(ii) if the Senate is not in session, by the Governor alone].

(b) (1) Each member of the Board shall be:

(i) a resident and voter of the county; and

(ii) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity.

(2) No more than two members of the Board may belong to the same political party.

(3) NO MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE RESIDENTS OF THE SAME STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

(4) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD IF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVED AS THE CHIEF INSPECTOR WITHIN 5 YEARS OF THE DATE THAT THE VACANCY IS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

11-210.

THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT AND PUBLISH A WRITTEN POLICY RELATED TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND THE RECUSAL OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM BOARD MATTERS.

11-1409.

THE BOARD SHALL:

1 **(1) INCLUDE ON ALL APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A**
2 **LICENSE OR A LICENSE RENEWAL AN OPTION FOR THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE THE**
3 **APPLICANT’S RACE AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION; AND**

4 **(2) ENCOURAGE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE RACE AND ETHNICITY**
5 **INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION.**

6 **11-2607.**

7 **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE**
8 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
9 **ARTICLE, ON THE RACIAL BREAKDOWN OF THE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY**
10 **THE BOARD IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.**

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
12 **1, 2025.**