

Chapter 831

(Senate Bill 398)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Alterations

FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering the eligibility requirements for Board membership; requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–202(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–202.

(a) (1) **[The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 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, **SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE WHEN THE SENATE NEXT CONVENES.**

(3) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS RECOMMENDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(II) THE GOVERNOR MAY REQUEST A NEW LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AT ANY TIME.

(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] **THREE** 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.

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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial terms of the two additional members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall begin May 2, 2027.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.