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**SB 32**

**Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners Membership Revisions**

Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of Education, Health and Environmental Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce **SB 32 Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners Membership Revisions**. SB 32 updates the framework for the County's Liquor Board significantly. Most notably, SB32 would increase the number of members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from three to five. It also stipulates that commissioners be appointed from each legislative District within Anne Arundel County, and restricts each commissioner to four consecutive terms. This bill also authorizes the Board to elect its own chair rather than have the Governor appoint one.

In the past, with only three members, if a single commissioner was ill, recused themselves or otherwise could not attend a meeting, the Board could not reach quorum and important decisions on applications and hearings would be delayed. By adding two additional members and maintaining the political balance of the Board, it will ensure that the Board can meet its regular public hearing schedule.

The current commissioners are in favor of these changes and this bill has the support of the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation.

I respectfully request a favorable report on SB32.

PAMELA BEIDLE  
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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
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**RE: SB 32, Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners Membership Revisions**

Dear Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of Education, Health and Environmental Affairs;

The Anne Arundel County Senators met on February 26, 2020 and considered SB 32, Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners Membership Revisions. They voted to support SB 32.

Regards,

*Pamela A. Beidle*  
Pamela G. Beidle, Chair  
Anne Arundel County  
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