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**Senate Bill 489**  
**Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class MT License**

Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce **Senate Bill 489 - Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class MT (Movie Theater) License**. This Bill creates a new beer and wine license, Class MT. This new license will allow movie theaters to sell alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County. SB 489 stipulates the MT license will only allow movie theaters to serve alcohol in single serve containers by patrons having purchased a ticket for a movie during normal hours of business, no later than midnight. It also requires movie theaters to serve alcohol from a separate counter from where normal movie theater concessions are sold. The license will cost \$1,200 and the license holder will not need to obtain a separate Sunday license.

There are several amendments proposed with the bill:

- changes the purpose paragraph
- requires alcohol purchased on premises may not be removed from the licensed premise.
- limits each patron to two servings of beer or wine per day.
- requires movie theaters to renew any alcoholic beverage license they currently hold with the MT license.

This license is something movie theaters have been asking for. It is common sense and it will be good for business in our county.

I ask the Committee to please give SB 489 as amended a favorable report.