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**Testimony in Support of SB0742 - Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Fees for  
Class C Per Diem Licenses**

Madame Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and Fellow Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

SB0742 would simply increase the fees for specified Class C per diem alcoholic beverages licenses when issued for one day events with more than 1,000 attendees.

This bill is needed because of increased demand for Anne Arundel County Liquor Board services and the additional expenses needed to provide these services.

Per the Fiscal Note, SB0742 would not have a state budget impact. The bill would increase County revenues by approximately \$13,800 beginning in FY2025.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB0742.

# Senate Bill 742.pdf

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## **Senate Bill 742- Anne Arundel County-Alcoholic Beverages - Fees for Class C Per Diem Licenses**

- Our Inspectors are now tasked with tracking all special events, including not limited to Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Renaissance Festival, Licensee Special events and are responsible for assigning personnel as necessary and personally staffing many such events and overseeing any proper protocols in connection with the safe service and consumption of alcohol at such events.
- County Police Officers and Equipment as well as Fire Department staff and equipment must be present during these large events, and it takes a large amount out of everyone's budget, as an example Renaissance Festival having a beer and wine license and only paying \$25.00 a day, does not come close to covering costs for these departments. And any funds that are left in the Liquor Board's budget should go to the Police and Fire Departments to help with the overtime costs incurred by these departments.
- We have found events over a 1,000 attendees require more personnel and requires our inspectors to work with event venues, vendors, other county offices, to ensure compliance and public safety.
- When contrasted with other jurisdictions, such as Frederick County where fees amount to \$600 per day plus a \$150 administrative cost for events hosting between 1,001 to 3,000 attendees and \$1,000 per day plus a \$500 administrative cost for events hosting between 3,001 or more attendees, we are implementing an increased fee structure without imposing a cap or limiting the maximum number of attendees.