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**Senate Bill 17**  
**Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Veterans’ Organizations**  
**Written Testimony in Support**

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**Submitted to:** Senate Finance Committee

**Submitted by:** Julianne Sullivan, President of the Anne Arundel County Licensed Beverage Association

The Anne Arundel County Licensed Beverage Association (AACLBA) has expressed strong support for Senate Bill 17, which aims to provide veterans’ organizations with discounts on license and administrative fees. The association aligns with the bill sponsor's view that such measures are essential in recognizing and honoring the contributions of veterans.

According to the fiscal note, the impact of this bill on county revenues is minimal, with only a slight decrease anticipated annually. Despite this, the association emphasizes the significant positive impact that the bill will have on veterans’ organizations. By simplifying the licensing application process and making it more convenient, the bill ensures that veterans can benefit from easier access to necessary licenses.

One of the key provisions of Senate Bill 17 is that it allows existing licenses to be converted to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license without necessitating a new application. This conversion will grant veterans’ organizations the benefits associated with the Class C license, thereby simplifying processes and reducing the bureaucratic burden.

AACLBA strongly believes that facilitating veterans’ organizations in this manner is highly beneficial. Providing these organizations with discounts and streamlined administrative procedures reflects a commitment to supporting those who have served their country. The association stands behind Senate Bill 17 and advocates for its approval to enhance the support provided to veterans’ organizations.

AACLBA was organized to represent Anne Arundel County Maryland retail alcohol beverage retailers in legislative matters and business practices in connection with the responsible sale of alcohol beverages, and to promote positive working relationships between members of this association and allied branches of the beer, wine and spirits industries. Since 1936, AACLBA has been successfully advocating to preserve the rights of our over 100 members to operate legitimate and lawful businesses in the communities they support.

Sincerely,

*Julianne Sullivan*

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AACLBA President