

2025 SB0017 Testimony For 2025-02-21.pdf

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SB0017 – Favorable

Honorable Senators

I support

- Authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans' organization) license;
- reducing from \$400 to \$300 the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans' organization) license;
- authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; and
- authorizing a Class C (veterans' organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

We cannot do enough to support our veterans. This bill would ease the financial burdens of having a social club so that they can more easily socialize with their comrades and families. Usually, these groups continue to serve the public by supporting many charitable causes. Reducing their fees would be a win-win as they would have more funds available to help their charitable projects.

Please enter a favorable report for SB0017.

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February 21, 2025

VeteransCaucusLegislationSupportLetter_SB17.pdf

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

February 14, 2025

Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
Finance
3E Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB17, Anne Arundel County- Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans' Organization
Hearing Date: February 21, 2025

Dear Chairwoman, Beidle,

Please let this letter serve as notice of the support of the Maryland General Assembly Senate Veterans Caucus for Senate Bill 17.

After review by our respective legislative committee, the Senate Veterans Caucus believes that the above-mentioned legislation would provide a valuable benefit to the veterans of the State of Maryland and requests a favorable report.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin F. Brooks".

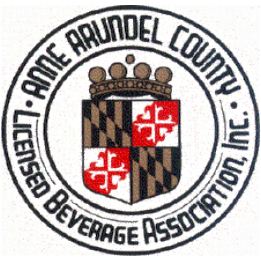
Senator Benjamin Brooks
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cc: Senator Bryan Simonaire

Support SB17 from AACLBA Letter.pdf

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

Date: February 18, 2025

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

Julianne Sullivan
AACLBA President

SB 17 Senator Simonaire_FAV.pdf

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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 17

Madam Chair and members of the Finance Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 17 – *Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Veterans' Organizations*.

SB 17 would authorize a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans' organization) license, reducing the annual license fee from \$400 to \$300 for a Class C (veterans' organization) license. It would also authorize the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants and authorize a Class C (veterans' organization) licensee to operate on Sunday without a Sunday license.

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Dear Senator Simonaire:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation to establish a Class C (Veterans' Organization) license conversion process and fee adjustments. This initiative recognizes the invaluable contributions of veterans' organizations in our community and provides them with a more accessible and equitable licensing structure.

By allowing holders of a Class C (Beer, Wine, & Liquor) License who qualify as a veterans' organization to convert to a designated Class C (Veterans' Organization) License, the legislation simplifies the regulatory process while ensuring continuity of operations.

Additionally, the provision for reduced application and administrative fees acknowledges the nonprofit status of these organizations and their commitment to serving veterans and the broader community.

This legislation aligns with the Board of License Commissioners' commitment to responsible licensing while supporting organizations that play a vital role in the welfare of our veterans. I appreciate your leadership on this issue and urge the Maryland General Assembly to give it full consideration.

Sincerely,

Wayne B. Harris, Sr.
Chairman
Board of License Commissioners