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**Testimony in Support of SB 441  
Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages  
Golf Course License and Sports Activity Venue Licenses**

Madam Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

SB 441 establishes “Golf Club” and “Sports/Activities Facility” licenses. A Golf Course License would now be available to a golf course with at least nine holes. Additionally, this bill authorizes a sports activity venue beer and wine license as well as a beer, wine, and liquor license to commercial recreational facilities that offer: bowling; golf simulators; multisport simulators; indoor or outdoor pickleball courts; indoor gymnasiums or training centers; or any similar sport activity or venue.

### **Background**

Many venues are currently limited to licenses that are overly restrictive or do not match their actual operations.

### **Solution**

This proposal provides a dedicated license class for venues that operate distinct business models focused on recreation.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact on the State. Anne Arundel County revenues increase, beginning in FY 2027, to the extent new licenses are issued. Anne Arundel County expenditures are not affected. There is minimal fiscal impact on small business. Additionally, this bill will have a positive impact with the consolidation of fees and licensee savings.

### **Closing**

SB 441 is limited in scope, fiscally disciplined, and consistent with the intent of existing law. A letter of support has been submitted by the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation. Additionally, a letter of support has also been submitted by the Anne Arundel County Council.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 441.