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**Testimony in Support of SB 398  
Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners - Alterations**

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

SB 398 is a modification to SB 972 from 2025 vetoed by Governor Moore. This bill increases the size of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from three to five; changes the appointment process; and requires the Board to adopt a conflict of interest policy.

The Governor shall appoint the members of the board from a list of individuals recommended by the County House and Senate Delegations. The Governor may request a new list of the recommendations. No more than three members of the board may belong to the same political party and no more than two members of the board may be residents of the same state legislative district. Finally, the Board shall adopt and publish a written policy related to the recusal of Board members from Board matters.

The initial terms of the two additional board members must begin May 2, 2027. The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances. Anne Arundel County expenditures increase by \$39,995 annually beginning in FY 2027 for salaries, fringe benefits, and incidental expenses for two new board members. Anne Arundel County revenues are not affected. There is no fiscal impact on small business.

### **Closing**

SB 398 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.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 398.