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**Testimony in Support of SB 399
Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses
Class C Per Diem License Fees**

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

SB 399 modifies the fees for Class C per diem alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County based on the estimated attendance of the events. For events with an estimated attendance of 500 or more individuals, the fee for a Class C per diem beer and wine license or beer license is \$25 per point of sale location that serves alcohol at the event per day, and the fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license is \$50 per point of sale location that serves alcohol at the event per day. Small events and family reunions remain unchanged.

Background

The current flat-rate system does not account for the significant inspection resources required to monitor large, multi-vendor events.

Solution

SB 399 resolves this issue.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the State. Anne Arundel County revenues increase by up to \$7,000 annually beginning in FY 2027. Anne Arundel County expenditures are not affected. There is no impact on small business. Cost recovery for inspection services are estimated between \$5,000 - \$6,000 annually.

Closing

SB 399 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 399.