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January 29, 2026

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Committee:

The Anne Arundel County Senators met and voted on January 29th, 2026, to support SB0398, Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners - Alterations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn D. Gile".

Dawn D. Gile
Chair, Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation

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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.

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February 20, 2026

Senate Bill 398 – Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners - Alterations

Testimony Before the Finance Committee

The State Ethics Commission provides this informational written testimony to clarify that pursuant to §5-103(b)(6) of the Maryland Public Ethics Law, employees and members of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners are subject to both the conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics. The proposed legislation requires the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to adopt and publish “a written policy related to conflicts of interest and the recusal of board members from board matters.” Any such policy is a separate Board policy and may not conflict with the participation restrictions of §5-501 of the Public Ethics Law (Md. Code Ann., Gen’l Prov. Title 5 (Supp. 2025)) or be less strict than these provisions.