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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 SB0399, Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Class C Per Diem License Fees.

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 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.

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Date: February 18, 2026

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Senate Finance Committee

RE: Senate Bill 399 – Written Testimony (Support)

The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners respectfully submits this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 399.

This legislation restructures the Class C one-day license fee for large events to better reflect the inspection resources required for multi-vendor operations while leaving small events and private functions unchanged. The proposal applies the existing license fee per point of sale at large-scale events, maintains the current application process, and ensures that license fees are proportionate to the scope of the regulated activity.

The enclosed summary provides operational and fiscal details for the Committee's consideration, accompanied by a reference list of events utilizing multiple points of sale

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Aronson'.

Edward I. Aronson
Executive Director
Board of License Commissioners
for Anne Arundel County

**SB 399 – Events with Multiple Points of Sale
(2024 Licensing Data)**

Event Name	Location	License Type	Duration	Estimated Daily Attendance	Proposed Fee Per Point of Sale, Per Day
Maryland Renaissance Festival	Crownsville	Beer/Wine	19 Days	15,000	\$25
Anne Arundel County Fair	Crownsville	Beer/Wine	5 Days	16,000	\$25
Maryland Seafood Festival	Annapolis	B/W/Liquor	2 Days	5,000	\$50
Annapolis Irish Festival	Crownsville	B/W/Liquor	1 Day	5,000	\$50
Piney Orchard Street Festival	Odenton	Beer/Wine	1 Day	5,000	\$25
Annapolis Baygrass Music Festival	Annapolis	B/W/Liquor	2 Days	4,500	\$50
Naptown Music Feast	Crownsville	B/W/Liquor	1 Day	4,000	\$50
Annapolis Greek Festival	Annapolis	B/W/Liquor	3 Days	3,500	\$50
Let's Go Festival	Crownsville	B/W/Liquor	3 Days	2,500	\$50
Soca Wine Festival	Crownsville	Beer/Wine	2 Days	2,500	\$25
Maryland Chicken Wing Festival	Crownsville	B/W/Liquor	1 Day	2,000	\$50
Festa Italiana	Annapolis	B/W/Liquor	1 Day	2,000	\$50
Bands in the Sand	Annapolis	B/W/Liquor	1 Day	1,600	\$50