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February 18, 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 February 18th, 2026, to support SB0401, Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners and Part-Time Inspectors - Compensation.

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 401
Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners and
Part-Time Inspectors - Compensation**

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

SB 401 provides a base salary adjustment for Inspectors and Board Members to account for economic changes since 2007 and ties future adjustments to County COLA standards. It authorizes adjustments to the Board of License Commissioners and Part-Time Inspectors salaries. The chair of the Board's salary will increase from \$18,000 to \$21,240 per year. Board members' salaries will change from \$15,000 to \$17,700 per year. The Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector salary will be not less than \$18,000 per year, and the 18 Part-Time Inspectors' annual salaries will change from \$7,000 to \$8,260. All of these positions are subject to cost-of-living increases available to non-represented Anne Arundel County Employees.

Background

Inspectors and Board Members have not received a salary adjustment since 2007.

Solution

SB 401 resolves this issue.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact on the State. Anne Arundel County salary expenditures increase by at least \$33,716 annually beginning in FY 2027. Anne Arundel County revenues are not affected. There is no impact on Small Business. This salary adjustment is funded from existing Board-generated revenue. There will not be an increase in license fees or additional County appropriation.

Closing

SB 401 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 401.

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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 401 – Written Testimony (Support)

The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners respectfully submits this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 401.

This legislation provides a necessary adjustment to the compensation of Board Members and part-time inspectors and establishes a statutory mechanism to align future increases with County cost-of-living adjustments for Non-Represented employees. These positions currently lack a structured process for periodic compensation review. The proposal promotes consistency, supports retention, and creates a clear and predictable standard going forward.

The measure is fully funded within the Board's existing operating budget and does not increase costs to licensees or require additional County appropriation.

The enclosed summary provides the operational and fiscal details for the Committee's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Aronson', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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

SENATE BILL 401: BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS - COMPENSATION

SUBJECT: Adjustment of Compensation and COLA Alignment for Inspectors and Board Members

LEGISLATIVE INTENT: Because these roles lack benefits or COLA, this proposal creates a statutory mechanism to tie adjustments to County standards. This structural change eliminates the need for future legislative requests regarding these specific salary adjustments.

PROPOSED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS:

1. Inspectors & Deputy Chief
 - **Current Status:** The last salary adjustment was in 2020 (prior to that, 2007).
 - **Proposed Adjustment:** An 18% increase to account for a missed 3% COLA per year over the last six years.
 - Inspectors: Increase of **\$1,260**.
 - Deputy Chief: Increase of **\$1,620**.
2. Board Members
 - **Current Status:** Board Member compensation has remained unchanged since 2007 (nearly 20 years).
 - **Proposed Adjustment:** An 18% increase.
 - **Organizational Alignment:** Despite no adjustments since 2007, this aligns the Board with the staff's 18% rate to ensure a consistent agency standard.
 - Chair: Increase of **\$3,240**.
 - Commissioners: Increase of **\$2,700**.

CLASSIFICATION: This proposal aligns these roles with the "Non-Represented" employee classification. Going forward, Inspectors and Board members will be eligible for COLA increases only when such increases are granted to the part-time Non-Represented employee group.

FISCAL IMPACT: Like the other adjustments, this change is covered entirely by the Board's existing operating budget and will not result in increased costs for licensees or taxpayers.