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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 SB 0441, Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Golf Course License and Sports Activity Venue Licenses.

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 441  
Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages  
Golf Course License and Sports Activity Venue Licenses**

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

SB 441 establishes “Golf Club” and “Sports/Activities Facility” licenses. A Golf Course License would now be available to a golf course with at least nine holes. Additionally, this bill authorizes a sports activity venue beer and wine license as well as a beer, wine, and liquor license to commercial recreational facilities that offer: bowling; golf simulators; multisport simulators; indoor or outdoor pickleball courts; indoor gymnasiums or training centers; or any similar sport activity or venue.

### **Background**

Many venues are currently limited to licenses that are overly restrictive or do not match their actual operations.

### **Solution**

This proposal provides a dedicated license class for venues that operate distinct business models focused on recreation.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact on the State. Anne Arundel County revenues increase, beginning in FY 2027, to the extent new licenses are issued. Anne Arundel County expenditures are not affected. There is minimal fiscal impact on small business. Additionally, this bill will have a positive impact with the consolidation of fees and licensee savings.

### **Closing**

SB 441 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 441.

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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 441 – Written Testimony (Support)**

The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners respectfully submits this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 441.

This legislation establishes license categories that better reflect recreation-focused business models that do not fit within the existing tavern or restaurant structure. It also supports the Board's ongoing effort to modernize the licensing framework so it can accommodate both current establishments and future applicants that have already expressed interest in these types of operations.

The enclosed summary provides the operational and fiscal details for the Committee's consideration, along with a list of eligible venues.

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

## **SENATE BILL 441: GOLF COURSE LICENSE AND SPORTS ACTIVITY VENUE LICENSES**

**SUBJECT:** Establishment of "Golf Club" and "Sports/Activities Facility" Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT:** Currently, several establishments have been limited to apply for Class D (Tavern) or Class H (Restaurant) licenses because no other option existed. Consequently, they are subject to operational requirements that do not align with their actual business. These new classes will provide a license specifically designed for their business model.

### **PROPOSED LICENSE CLASSES:**

#### **1. Golf Club License (On-Sale Only)**

- **Scope:** Establishes a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at smaller, public, or non-member golf courses within Anne Arundel County.
- **Justification:** The existing "Special Country Club" (SCC) license is overly restrictive, mandating membership, a minimum of nine holes, two tennis courts, and a swimming pool. These criteria effectively exclude public course operators from licensure.

#### **2. Sports/Activities Facility License (On-Sale Only)**

- **Scope:** Establishes a specific licensure category for recreational facilities, including but not limited to: gymnasiums, pickleball/tennis courts, bowling alleys, and golf simulator venues.
- **Justification:** These venues operate distinct business models focused on recreation rather than food service or tavern operations. A dedicated class ensures regulatory compliance tailored to the specific nature of the premises.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The establishment of these license classes creates a more cost-effective "all-inclusive" structure for businesses. By incorporating Sunday sales and entertainment permissions directly into the base license, licensees save money by eliminating the need to purchase separate, additional permits. This streamlined approach allows previously misclassified venues to obtain proper licensure while providing a clear, simplified path for new applicants.

*A list of eligible venues is attached for reference.*

**SENATE BILL 441– Potential Golf Course & Activity Venue Locations**  
*Existing Licensed Businesses Eligible to Transition Under SB 441*

**Golf Courses & Simulators**

<b>Trade Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>District</b>
Compass Pointe Golf Course	9010 Ft. Smallwood Road	Pasadena	31
Bay Hills Golf	545 Bay Hills Drive	Arnold	33C
Severna Park Golf Center	1257 Ritchie Highway	Arnold	33C
Renditions Golf	1380 West Central Avenue	Davidsonville	33B
Under Par Golf	5478 Southern Maryland Blvd	Lothian	30B
X-Golf Annapolis	167 Y Jennifer Road	Annapolis	30A
X-Golf Pasadena	8048 Ritchie Hwy	Pasadena	31
Preserve at Eisenhower Golf Club	1576 Generals Highway	Crownsville	33B

**Other Recreational Venues**

<b>Trade Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>District</b>
Severna Park Racquet & Fitness	8514 Veterans Highway	Millersville	31
Life Time Annapolis	200 Harker Place	Annapolis	30A
Southwest Concession (Bowling)	4991 Fairview Avenue	Linthicum	12B
Crofton Bowling Centre	2115 Priest Bridge Drive	Crofton	21
Skate Zone	1082 Route 3, South	Gambrills	21
Severna Park Bowling Lanes	840 Ritchie Highway	Severna Park	33C