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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Date: February 19, 2026

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 1286 (Anne Arundel County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon License)

This letter is to provide information and operational context regarding House Bill 1286, which expands the scope of the existing barbershop and beauty salon alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County.

Key Provisions of the Bill

The bill simply adds **one 1.7-ounce pour of liquor** to the currently permitted scope (which already allows for one glass of beer or wine).

This bill does *not* authorize the retail sale of alcohol. The beverage may only be provided to a patron actively receiving a salon or barbershop service.

Regulatory Oversight and Enforcement

Passage of this bill does not change the strict permitting processes or oversight standards already in place. Establishments holding this license are treated exactly like any other liquor licensee.

Strict Compliance: Licensees must abide by all State and County liquor laws, as well as Board rules and regulations.

Mandatory Requirements: Establishments must maintain valid trader licenses, enforce strict ID checks (carding) to prevent underage drinking, and comply with all alcohol awareness training requirements.

Disciplinary Action: License establishments are subject to routine Board inspections. Any violations—such as serving a minor or operating beyond permitted hours—will result in standard disciplinary proceedings, up to and including the revocation of their license.