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**Testimony in Support of SB 396  
Anne Arundel County - Board of License Commissioners  
Chief Inspector - Compensation**

Madam Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the House Government, Labor, and Election Committee:

SB 396 reclassifies the Chief Inspector position from NR-05 to NR-12 to align compensation with executive level responsibilities.

### **Background**

SB0490 of 2021 required the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to replace its part-time chief inspector position with a full-time chief inspector position with a salary in non-represented pay schedule NR-05 in the general county classified salary schedule.

When reviewing the full-time staff on the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, the Executive Director is an NR-17 and the Administrator is an NR-16. Coding the Chief Inspector as an NR-05 does not properly capture the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of that role.

In Baltimore City, their Chief Inspector salary ranges between \$85,660.00 and \$136,935.00. In Montgomery County, their version of the Chief Inspector (Program Manager II) salary ranges between \$83,556.00 and \$134,086.00. Howard County's version of the Chief Inspector (Detective, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector) salary ranges between \$75,234.00 and \$133,390.00.

According to Anne Arundel County's fiscal 2026 non-represented pay schedule, an NR-05 salary ranges between \$36,378 and \$67,252. An NR-12 salary ranges between \$51,405 and \$95,034. Generally, the board is responsible for funding its own operations, including salaries of inspectors, using revenue from license fees. While the bill modifies the pay schedule for the full-time chief inspector, it does not directly require the board to increase or decrease the chief inspector's salary.

This bill more closely aligns the salary range of the Chief Inspector with the same position in similarly sized local jurisdictions.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the State. The bill only affects local government operations. The bill is not expected to materially affect Anne Arundel County finances or operations. There is no impact on small business. This change is funded from existing Board-generated revenue. There is no increase in license fees or additional County appropriation.

## **Closing**

This bill passed the Senate unanimously, 44-0. For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 396.