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House Bill 1286 (Delegate Behler, *et al.*)
Government, Labor, and Elections

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Barbershop and Beauty Salon License

This bill expands and renames the barbershop beauty salon beer and wine license as the barbershop and beauty salon beer, wine, *and liquor* license in Anne Arundel County. The license authorizes the license holder to provide up to 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption by a barbershop or beauty salon customer, as specified. The bill makes additional conforming changes. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Anne Arundel County expenditures or revenues.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Maryland's 23 counties, Baltimore City, and the City of Annapolis all have boards of license commissioners who issue and enforce retail alcoholic beverages licenses in their jurisdictions. Each license authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages in a different manner. The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners issues several licenses for specific types of organizations and venues, including country club licenses, yacht club licenses, and country and golf club licenses, among others.

Chapter 551 of 2020 established the barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County. The board may issue the license to the holders of specified beauty salon or barbershop permits. A license holder may provide up to 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of wine by the glass for on-premises consumption only while performing activities generally related to beauty salons or barbershops or while the customer is attending a fund-raising event at the barbershop or beauty salon. The license holder may provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption during normal business hours but not after 9:00 p.m. The annual license fee is \$100.

Additional Comments: Anne Arundel County advises that there currently are two active barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine licenses in the county.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 852 (Anne Arundel County Senators) - Finance.

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