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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 441  
Finance

(Anne Arundel County Senators)

Government, Labor, and Elections

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

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This bill establishes a Class GC (golf course) license; a sports activity venue beer and wine license; and a sports activity venue beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County. The Class GC (golf course) license may be issued to a golf course with at least nine holes, and the sports activity venue licenses may be issued to a commercial recreational facility that offers specified sports activities. A license authorizes the license holder to sell specified alcoholic beverages at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption. A license holder may sell alcoholic beverages as licensed Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and does not need a Sunday permit to sell on Sundays. The annual license fee for a Class GC (golf course) license and a sports activity venue beer, wine, and liquor license is \$1,200. The annual license fee for a sports activity venue beer and wine license is \$740. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Anne Arundel County revenues increase, beginning in FY 2027, to the extent new licenses are issued. Anne Arundel County expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

### Bill Summary:

#### *Class GC (Golf Course) License*

A Class GC (golf course) license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor. The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners may (1) place conditions on the location of sale and consumption, including prohibiting the sale or consumption of alcohol in certain areas of the premises and (2) reduce the hours and days of sale for all or part of the licensed premises.

#### *Sports Activity Venue Licenses*

The board may issue a sports activity venue license to the owner or operator of a commercial recreational facility that offers bowling, golf or multisport simulators, pickleball courts, indoor gymnasiums or training centers, or any similar sport activity or venue. The license authorizes sales to a customer who is at least 21 years old and is either (1) actively participating in the venue's dining or recreational services, or (2) on the licensed premises as a guest of a participant.

A sports activity venue license holder may sell alcoholic beverages authorized by the license at retail for on-premises consumption at the licensed location. The license holder may sell or serve alcohol only in certain areas designated for activity, seating, bar service, and dining, such as private party rooms.

The license holder must (1) offer food items for sale during all hours that alcoholic beverages are for sale; (2) require employees serving alcohol to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness training program; (3) implement a written policy for employees to monitor and limit service to customers participating in physical activities; and (4) obtain a crowd control training certificate where the occupant load exceeds 50 people.

**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. Within each jurisdiction, the most common types of retail licenses are Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D licenses. 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.

## **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** HB 682 (Delegate Pruski) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

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