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House Bill 1281
Economic Matters

(Delegate Kipke)

Finance

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Limited Special Event Permit

This bill establishes a limited special event permit in Anne Arundel County and authorizes the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to a Class B, Class C, or Class D license holder, or a Class H or Class BLX license holder that is at least 1,000 feet away from a place of worship or school. The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment. Before issuing the permit, the board may require a license holder to provide information on the event for which the permit is requested. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Anne Arundel County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, in Anne Arundel County, except for piped-in background music or one television screen, the holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license may not permit playing music, live music, a karaoke machine, a disc jockey, dancing, floor shows, or any other similar type of entertainment on the licensed premises or on an adjacent property in which the licensee has ownership or control. However, a Class B, Class BLX, Class D, or Class H license may obtain specified special entertainment licenses to allow entertainment activities such as dancing, karaoke, or watching television. Those

special licenses include music, entertainment, dancing, outdoor, and outdoor entertainment permits.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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