

# HOUSE BILL 792

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Legislative Audits – Performance Audits of ~~Boards of License~~**  
3 **~~Commissioners Required~~ – Local Alcoholic Beverages Licensing Boards**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Legislative Audits, at ~~least once every certain~~  
5 ~~number of years~~ any time on request of certain officers, to conduct a certain  
6 performance audit of the ~~Board of License Commissioners~~ local alcoholic beverages  
7 licensing board for each a county and or the City of Annapolis, rather than for only  
8 ~~Baltimore City; altering the frequency with which the Office is required to audit the~~  
9 ~~Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City; and generally relating to~~  
10 performance audits conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 2–1220(f)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 2–1220.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (f) (1) At least once every ~~4~~ 6 years, the Office of Legislative Audits shall  
 2 conduct a performance audit of the Board of ~~Liquor~~ License Commissioners ~~for Baltimore~~  
 3 ~~City~~ ~~FOR EACH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS~~ to evaluate the effectiveness  
 4 and efficiency of the management practices of ~~the Board~~ ~~EACH BOARD~~ and of the  
 5 economy with which ~~the Board~~ ~~EACH BOARD~~ uses resources.

6 **(2) AT ANY TIME ON REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE**  
 7 **SPEAKER, THE OFFICE SHALL CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE LOCAL**  
 8 **LICENSING BOARD, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
 9 **ARTICLE, FOR A COUNTY OR FOR THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS TO EVALUATE THE**  
 10 **EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF THE BOARD**  
 11 **AND OF THE ECONOMY WITH WHICH THE BOARD USES RESOURCES.**

12 ~~(2)~~ (3) The performance audit shall focus on operations relating to  
 13 liquor inspections, licensing, disciplinary procedures, and management oversight.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 15 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.