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Senate Bill 405 (Senator Reilly)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Entertainment Facility License -
Nudity and Sexual Displays**

This emergency bill clarifies that the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners is prohibited from revoking an entertainment facility license for displays of nudity and sexual acts, as specified, if after a hearing the board finds (1) the license holder operates a performance area at the facility that is primarily devoted to the arts or theatrical performances and (2) the performances express matters of serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Anne Arundel County revenues or expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, the board is required to revoke an alcoholic beverages license if after a hearing, the license holder is found to provide prohibited sexual entertainment on its premises, as specified. However, the board may not revoke a license if (1) the person operates a theater, concert hall, an art center, museum, or a similar establishment that is primarily devoted to the arts or theatrical performances and (2) the performances express matters of serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 1287 (Delegate Saab) - Economic Matters.

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