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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

House Bill 467

(Delegate Arentz, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Petition of Support

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This bill repeals the requirement that applicants for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne's County include a "petition of support" as a part of the application. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Queen Anne's County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Generally, an application for a local alcoholic beverages license in the State must include a "petition of support" signed by at least 10 property-owning residents who are registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted stating (1) the length of time each of the residents has been acquainted with the applicant; (2) that they have reviewed the application and believe the statements within the application are true and the applicant is suitable to obtain the license; and (3) that they are familiar with the location of the business and believe that the location is suitable for such a business.

**Background:** In fiscal 2019, there were 91 alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne's County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Queen Anne's County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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