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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

Senate Bill 499

(Senator Simonaire)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Board of License Commissioners**  
**Term Limits and Commercial Bingo License**

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This emergency bill prohibits any member of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners from serving more than four consecutive terms. The bill also requires the term of the member initially appointed by the Governor to the board in 2021 to expire on April 30, 2024. The bill also establishes a Commercial Bingo License in Anne Arundel County. The board may issue the license to a licensed commercial bingo establishment. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption on Monday through Sunday during normal business hours, but not later than 2:00 a.m. The alcoholic beverages purchased from the license holder may be carried and consumed anywhere in the commercial bingo establishment. The annual license fee is \$2,500.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Anne Arundel County revenues increase to the extent commercial bingo licenses are issued under the bill. Anne Arundel County can monitor additional licenses with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for commercial bingo establishments that obtain a license under the bill.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Governor must appoint three members to the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, and no more than two members of the board may belong to the same political party. Each member of the board must be (1) a resident and voter of the county and (2) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity. The term of a board member is two years. Current law does not specify term limits for members of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$2,500 for each commercial bingo establishment license issued under the bill. Anne Arundel County advises there are currently three commercial bingo establishments (the maximum allowed under local law) located in the county. If all three establishments applied for the license, Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$7,500 annually. Any increase in inspection and enforcement activity can likely be absorbed with existing resources.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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