

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

Senate Bill 1047  
Finance

(Anne Arundel County Senators)

Economic Matters

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Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Music and Entertainment  
Privileges

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This bill requires the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to receive written approval from the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning before considering specified permits. The board may only issue these specified permits if the area used for the permit is 100 feet away from any residentially zoned properties. Furthermore, the bill renames the entertainment permit as the *limited entertainment permit* and the dancing permit as the *full entertainment permit*. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to affect Anne Arundel County revenues or expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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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 a music, entertainment, dancing, outdoor, and outdoor entertainment permits.

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### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Anne Arundel County; Department of Legislative Services

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