

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2026 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 974  
Finance

(Caroline County Senators)

Government, Labor, and Elections

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**Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Inspector**

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This bill establishes that the inspector for the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners must be either an individual appointed by the board or the county codes administrator. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Caroline County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The county codes administrator for Caroline County serves as the inspector for the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners. The board must specify the duties of the inspector, including the administration and enforcement of the alcoholic beverages laws of the county.

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**Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** HB 1613 (Caroline County Delegation) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Legislative Services

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