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**House Bill 542**  
**Anne Arundel County – Alcohol Beverages – Multiple Licenses**  
**As Amended**

Cross-file: SB 346

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House Economic Matters Committee, February 17, 2020

Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Dumais and fellow members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present **House Bill 542**. This is an Anne Arundel County Delegation Bill.

**HB 542** simplifies the multiple license provisions for restaurants.

Currently the 10 allowed licenses are restricted to specific areas such as Town Centers or Commercial Districts. These bill eliminates these limitations and allows the ten licenses to be anywhere in the County provided that only one of those licenses was for off-premises consumption.

This eliminates the need for tracking the locations of each license, and allows the restaurant licenses to be located where a public need has been demonstrated.

The amendment clarifies that in franchises, an individual may have an interest in more than one license.

This bill has the support of the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation and the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners.

**I respectfully request a favorable vote for HB 542 as amended.**