

bill relating to special music and dancing licenses for licensed premises in Anne Arundel County. Although the bill can be signed into law, provisions relating to special dancing licenses for Class H licenses and special music licenses cannot be given effect as they are not properly reflected in the title.

As passed, the bill amends Art. 2B, Sec. 121(a), which generally forbids the playing of music and entertainment on licensed premises in Anne Arundel County. In amending exceptions to this prohibition, the bill increases the annual fee for special dancing licenses for Class B and D licensees.^{1/} This provision is adequately reflected in the title in the reference to "altering the annual fees for certain entertainment licenses in Anne Arundel County." However, there is no mention that Class H licensees may obtain such licenses. Moreover, the bill also alters provisions relating to special music licenses by revising the description of music which may be played, increasing the fee, and permitting Class H licensees to obtain these licenses. Although the revision of the description of the music which may be played may be regarded as "clarifying," the increase in the fee and the extension of eligibility cannot be properly regarded as "clarifying." Accordingly, the reference in the title to "clarifying the language pertaining to the issuance of special music licenses" does not fairly advise the reader of the contents of the bill, as required by Article III, Sec. 29 of the State Constitution. However, provisions which are not properly reflected in the title may be severed, and the increase in the fee for special dancing licenses may be given effect.

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^{1/}The bill also deletes references to beach or amusement park licenses, which are now obsolete as the authority for issuing these licenses was repealed by Ch. 131, Laws of Maryland 1977.

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