

HOUSE BILL 505

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2011

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Metropolitan Commission – Public Ethics Law**

3 FOR the purpose of defining each commissioner and employee of the St. Mary's
4 County Metropolitan Commission as a "local official" for the purposes of the St.
5 Mary's County Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to Public Ethics.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 15–803
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 15–807
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 15–803.

20 (a) Subject to § 15–209 of this title, each county and each municipal
21 corporation shall enact provisions to govern the public ethics of local officials relating
22 to:

23 (1) conflicts of interest;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) financial disclosure; and

2 (3) lobbying.

3 (b) Each local ethics commission or appropriate entity shall certify to the
4 Ethics Commission that the county or municipal corporation is in compliance with the
5 requirements for elected local officials of this Part I on or before October 1 of each
6 year.

7 15–807.

8 (a) In Baltimore City, for the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions
9 enacted by the governing body of Baltimore City, “local official” includes Baltimore
10 City health and housing inspectors who inspect for lead hazards.

11 (b) For the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by the
12 governing body of Baltimore County, “local official” includes:

13 (1) the executive director and each member of the revenue authority;
14 and

15 (2) except for a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education,
16 each member of a board of a State agency that is wholly or partly funded by Baltimore
17 County, regardless of whether the member is compensated.

18 (c) In Montgomery County, “local official” includes:

19 (1) each member and employee of the Montgomery County Revenue
20 Authority;

21 (2) each commissioner and employee of the Montgomery County
22 Housing Opportunities Commission; and

23 (3) county employees of the Montgomery County Department of
24 Health and Human Services.

25 (d) In Prince George’s County, “local official” includes:

26 (1) each member of the Board of License Commissioners;

27 (2) the chief inspector and any other inspector of the Board of License
28 Commissioners;

29 (3) the administrator of the Board of License Commissioners; and

30 (4) the attorney to the Board of License Commissioners.

1 **(E) IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, “LOCAL OFFICIAL” INCLUDES EACH**
2 **COMMISSIONER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE ST. MARY’S COUNTY METROPOLITAN**
3 **COMMISSION.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2011.