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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 405

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Board of License Commissioners - Expanded Membership

This bill expands the membership of the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners from three members to five members. The members' terms are staggered as required by the terms provided for board members on July 1, 2013. The members' terms serving on July 1, 2013, expire as follows: (1) one on June 30, 2014; (2) one on June 30, 2015; (3) one on June 30, 2016; (4) one on June 30, 2017; and (5) one on June 30, 2018.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County Board of License Commissioners expenses increase by \$15,600 annually beginning in FY 2014. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners consists of three members appointed by the Governor. To qualify for appointment, a person must (1) be of good moral character and integrity, (2) reasonably reflect the citizenry of the county, and (3) be registered to vote during the duration of the person's term of office in Frederick County. The terms of the members are five years, staggered. The Governor may remove a member for incompetence, misconduct, neglect of a duty required by law, unprofessional conduct, or dishonorable conduct. The annual compensation of the board is \$7,000 for the chairperson and \$6,500 for the members.

Background: Exhibit 1 shows the number of members and the terms for local alcoholic beverages licensing boards in Maryland. Baltimore County has two alternate members, while Calvert, Caroline, and Carroll counties have one alternate member. In Dorchester and Howard counties, the county council, *ex officio*, serves, and in Kent County, the board of county commissioners, *ex officio*, serves.

Exhibit 1
Members and Terms of Alcoholic Beverages Licensing Boards
2012

Jurisdiction	Members	Term in Years
Allegany	3	6
Annapolis	5	3
Anne Arundel	3	2
Baltimore City	3	2
Baltimore	3	3
Calvert	3	2
Caroline	3	3
Carroll	3	3
Cecil	3	3
Charles	5	4
Dorchester	5	4
Frederick	3	5
Garrett	3	6
Harford	5	3
Howard	5	4
Kent	3	4
Montgomery	5	4
Prince George's	5	3
Queen Anne's	5	4
St. Mary's	5	4
Somerset	3	2
Talbot	3	6
Washington	3	6
Wicomico	3	4
Worcester	3	4

Local Expenditures: Frederick County expenditures increase annually by \$15,600 beginning in fiscal 2014. This estimate reflects the cost of two additional board of license commissioners to hear license applications, adopt regulations, hold violation hearings, and impose penalties. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, travel costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$14,300
Travel Expenses	1,000
Operating Expenses	<u>300</u>
Total FY 2014 Local Expenses	\$15,600

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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