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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 39 (Delegate Cluster)
Environmental Matters

Baltimore County Revenue Authority - Member Qualifications - Criminal Conviction Prohibition

This bill prohibits a member of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority from having been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation. The bill requires the Baltimore County Executive, after giving notice and the opportunity for a public hearing, to remove a member from office who has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the qualifications for members of the county revenue authority will not materially affect the operations or finances of Baltimore County or the Baltimore County Revenue Authority.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Members of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority are appointed by the Baltimore County Executive with the advice and consent of the Baltimore County Council. Board members must be residents of Baltimore County at the time of appointment.

Background: The Baltimore County Revenue Authority was created by the General Assembly in 1955. The authority constructs, improves, equips, furnishes, maintains, acquires, and operates a wide variety of projects devoted wholly or partially for public uses. The authority is an independent public corporation governed by five members appointed by the county executive for five-year terms, with the advice and consent of the county council. Board members are volunteers and receive no compensation for their time or service.

The Baltimore County Revenue Authority consists of three major businesses: a parking division, golf division, and the Reisterstown Sportsplex. Over the past 20 years, the authority has financed and constructed parking facilities, golf courses, a District Court facility, a library expansion, and the Reisterstown Sportsplex. The authority also manages and operates parking facilities, golf courses, and the sportsplex.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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