Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 75 (Calvert County Delegation)

Economic Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Calvert County - Board of License Commissioners - Notice and Hearing on Proposed Legislation

This bill requires the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to post notice of a legislative proposal on the board's website and hold a public hearing on the proposal in the county at least six months before submitting a legislative proposal to the Calvert County Delegation for introduction as a bill in a General Assembly session.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County can carry out the bill's provisions with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No similar requirement exists for a county to post notice of proposed legislation on the board's website or hold a public hearing on proposed legislation.

A copy of any legislative enactment concerning alcoholic beverages by a local governing body must be sent to the Department of Legislative Services.

Background: Generally, boards of license commissioners submit their lists of proposed legislation to the county's delegation, and the delegation meets during the General Assembly session to discuss the proposed legislation.

The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners posted notice of its proposed legislation for the 2014 General Assembly session on the board's website. The board provided contact information on its website for individuals with questions or comments regarding the proposed legislation.

On September 25, 2014, at its monthly meeting, the board discussed alcoholic beverages license bills under consideration for introduction during the 2015 General Assembly session.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1054 of 2014 passed the House and received a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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