

Chapter 530

(House Bill 1469)

AN ACT concerning

Ethics – Members of Boards of License Commissioners and Liquor Control Boards

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain ethics training requirements provided by the State Ethics Commission apply to a member of a board of license commissioners or a liquor control board; altering the financial disclosure requirements for certain members of a board of license commissioners or a liquor control board; and generally relating to ethics requirements for members of boards of license commissioners and liquor control boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 5–205(d) and 5–601

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – General Provisions

5–205.

(d) (1) The Ethics Commission shall provide a training course of at least 2 hours on the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law for an individual who:

(i) fills a vacancy in a position that has been identified as a public official position under § 5–103 of this title; or

(ii) serves in a position identified as a public official position under § 5–103 of this title.

(2) The individual shall complete the training course within 6 months of:

(i) filling a vacancy; or

(ii) a position being identified as a public official position.

(3) The training requirement under this subsection does not apply to an individual who:

(i) **EXCEPT FOR A MEMBER OF A BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OR A LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**, is a public official only as a member of a commission, task force, or similar entity; or

(ii) has completed a training course provided by the Ethics Commission while serving in another public official position.

5-601.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section, each official and candidate for office as a State official shall file a statement as specified in §§ 5-602 through 5-608 of this subtitle.

(b) Financial disclosure by a judge of a court under Article IV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution, a candidate for elective office as a judge, or a judicial appointee as defined in Maryland Rule 16-814 is governed by § 5-610 of this subtitle.

(c) The requirement to file a financial disclosure statement under subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) a deputy sheriff and any employee in the office of the sheriff of a county;
and

(2) a deputy or assistant State's Attorney and any employee in the office of the State's Attorney for a county.

(d) **(1) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN** individual who is a public official only as a member of a board and who receives annual compensation that is less than 25% of the lowest annual compensation at State grade level 16 shall file the statement required by subsection (a) of this section in accordance with § 5-609 of this subtitle.

(2) A MEMBER OF A BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OR OF A LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD SHALL FILE A STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-607 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(e) A commissioner or an applicant for appointment as commissioner of a bicounty commission shall file the statement required by subsection (a) of this section in accordance with Subtitle 8, Part IV of this title.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.