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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 1319  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Anderton, *et al.*)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners

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This bill increases, from three to five, the number of members that the Governor must appoint to the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners and requires each member of the board to be nominated by the Wicomico County Executive. In addition, three members of the board must be residents of the City of Salisbury, nominated jointly by the county executive and the Mayor of Salisbury. The bill requires that the terms of the members be staggered as required by the terms provided for the members of the board on July 1, 2020. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Wicomico County expenditures increase beginning in FY 2021 by \$8,000 due to the increase in the number of commissioners under the bill. Local revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The term of each member of the board, or the member's successor selected to fill a vacancy, who is on office on June 30, 2020, must expire in 2022. The term of each of the first two members of the board, or the member's successor selected to fill a vacancy, who is appointed on or after the effective date of the bill must expire in 2024. In addition, each of the first two members of the board, or the member's successor selected to fill a

vacancy, who is appointed on or after the effective date of the bill must be a resident of the City of Salisbury.

**Current Law/Background:** The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners is composed of three members appointed by the Governor at the advice and consent of the Senate, and the Governor designates one of the members as the chair of the board. The term for each member is four years, and the terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the board on July 1, 2016.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The annual salary for the chair of the board is \$5,000, and the annual salary for the other members of the board is \$4,000. Therefore, Wicomico County expenditures increase by \$8,000 beginning in fiscal 2021 from the addition of two board members.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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