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**By: Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County Gaming Commission - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain eligibility requirements for members of the  
4 Washington County Gaming Commission; requiring a member of the Commission to  
5 file a certain disclosure under certain circumstances; altering the term and the time  
6 of expiration of a term of a member of the Commission; authorizing the  
7 reappointment of certain members of the Commission who serve an unexpired term  
8 of a certain maximum length; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
9 relating to the membership of the Washington County Gaming Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
12 Section 255C(c)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 255C.

19 (c) (1) The Commission consists of seven members appointed as follows:

20 (i) Three members appointed by the Board;

21 (ii) One member appointed by the Chairman of the Washington  
22 County House of Delegates Delegation, with the concurrence of the County's House  
23 Delegation;

24 (iii) One member appointed by the State Senators whose districts are  
25 within or include part of Washington County;

26 (iv) One member from Washington County to represent restaurants,  
27 taverns, and the alcoholic beverages industry in the county, appointed by the Washington  
28 County House and Senate Delegations; and

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1 (v) One member from the Washington County Clubs Association,  
2 appointed by the Washington County House and Senate Delegations.

3 (2) A member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (1)(i), (ii), or  
4 (iii) of this subsection may not:

5 (i) Hold a tip jar license or a wholesaler's license; or

6 (ii) Be employed by a person who holds a tip jar license or a  
7 wholesaler's license; OR

8 (iii) Hold any ownership interest in or receive any direct benefit from  
9 the holder of a tip jar license or a wholesaler's license; or

10 (iv) Serve on any board of directors or as an officer of any organization  
11 that is qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code].

12 (3) A member of the Commission shall [be]:

13 (I) BE a resident of Washington County; AND

14 (II) FILE WITH THE BOARD A DISCLOSURE OF ANY AFFILIATION AS  
15 A MEMBER OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR AS AN OFFICER OF AN ORGANIZATION  
16 THAT IS QUALIFIED UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

17 (4) The term of a member of the Commission is [2] 3 years and begins on  
18 July 1.

19 (5) A member of the Commission may not be reappointed within 5 years  
20 after completion of a full [2-year] term.

21 (6) The terms of members of the Commission are staggered as required by  
22 the terms in effect for members of the Commission on July 1, 1995.

23 (7) [At the end of a term, a] A member continues to serve until [a  
24 successor is appointed] THE MEMBER'S TERM EXPIRES.

25 (8) (I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
26 PARAGRAPH, A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest  
27 of the term [and until a successor is appointed].

28 (II) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO SERVES AN UNEXPIRED  
29 TERM FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR MAY BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL  
30 TERM.

31 (9) A member of the commission:

32 (i) May not receive compensation; but

33 (ii) May be entitled to reimbursement for expenses, in accordance with  
34 a policy of the Board.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the increase in the length  
36 of terms of members of the Washington County Gaming Commission under Article 27, §

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1 255C of the Code, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall apply to those terms that  
2 began on or after January 1, 1996.

3           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 1997.