
By: **Delegate Hurson**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - County Officials - State Legislators - Applicability of Both**
3 **State and Local Laws**

4 FOR the purpose of specifying that certain county officials and members of the
5 General Assembly shall be subject to the conflict of interest standards of either
6 the Maryland Public Ethics Law or the applicable county's public ethics law,
7 whichever is more stringent; specifying that this Act does not affect the
8 jurisdiction of certain ethics enforcement entities with regard to officials who
9 are subject to this Act; requiring the State Ethics Commission to make a certain
10 determination; and generally relating to the application of conflict of interest
11 standards.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - State Government
14 Section 15-509
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - State Government**

20 15-509.

21 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

- 22 (1) A COUNTY OFFICIAL;
- 23 (2) A MEMBER OF A COUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY COMMISSION; AND
- 24 (3) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

25 (B) AN OFFICIAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE
26 SUBJECT TO THE MORE STRINGENT OF:

1 (1) THIS SUBTITLE; OR

2 (2) THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS OF THE APPLICABLE
3 COUNTY'S PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

4 (C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION, THE ETHICS
5 COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE WHICH OF THE TWO LAWS IS MORE STRINGENT.

6 (D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS
7 COMMISSION, THE JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE, OR ANY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
8 AS TO OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1999.