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House Bill 945
Economic Matters

(Delegates Bozman and Conway)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Worcester County - Liquor Control Board - Salaries

This bill increases the salary of the members of the Worcester County Liquor Control Board from not less than \$2,500 to not less than \$3,000 beginning with the next term of office. The bill also expands the work-related duties eligible for mileage reimbursement to include official duties performed as members of the board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State retirement expenditures would increase by \$2 in FY 2005 and by \$71 in FY 2008 and each year thereafter.

Local Effect: Worcester County expenditures would increase by \$55 in FY 2005 and by \$1,995 in FY 2008 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The three members of the Worcester County Liquor Control Board each earn a salary of \$2,500. The board members are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Terms are staggered and the next terms of office for the three board members take effect on June 1 of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office. Members receive a mileage fee when attending meetings of the board.

Background: The salaries of the members of the Worcester County Board of Liquor Control were last changed by Chapter 68 of 1980 when the salaries were increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

State Fiscal Effect: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the members of the Worcester County Board of Liquor Control. Based on the State's fiscal 2005 contribution rate of 4.73% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$2 in fiscal 2005, which reflects the State's contribution for one month of fiscal 2005 after the first new term of office begins for one member. Future expenditures would increase by \$71 beginning in fiscal 2008 when the new salaries are in effect for a full year for all three board members.

Local Fiscal Effect: Worcester County advises that liquor control board members will be paid a salary of \$3,000 when their new term begins. The county further advises that board members are entitled to fringe benefits and members are paid monthly.

The next term begins on June 1, 2005 when one board member will receive a salary increase. Accordingly, county expenditures would increase by \$55 in fiscal 2005 for additional salary (\$42) and benefits (\$14). This reflects salary adjustments and benefits for one board member for one month (June 2005). Beginning in fiscal 2008, when the new salaries are in effect for a full year for all three board members, county expenditures would increase by \$1,995 annually which reflects the salary increase (\$1,500) and additional fringe benefits (\$495).

The county advises that additional expenditures for reimbursement for mileage while performing official duties as members of the board could be absorbed within existing resources.

Additional Information

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