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Senate Bill 269

(Senator Forehand, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

Health - Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership

This bill increases the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) from 13 to 15 and makes other changes to commission membership. Of the 15 members, 9 must be individuals who have no connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor. Of the remaining six members: (1) two must be physicians; (2) two must be payors; (3) one must be a nursing home administrator; and (4) one must be a non-physician health care practitioner.

When appointing members to MHCC, the Governor must: (1) assure that at least five members are residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more and at least three members are residents of different counties with a population of less than 300,000. Of the three members from smaller counties, one must be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one must be a resident of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington county, and one must be a resident of Southern Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** MHCC special fund expenditures could increase by \$2,300 for FY 2006 to pay the \$100 per diem for two new commissioners attending MHCC meetings. Future year estimates reflect annualization and inflation.

(in dollars)	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	2,300	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100
Net Effect	(\$2,300)	(\$3,000)	(\$3,100)	(\$3,100)	(\$3,100)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** MHCC consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the 13 members, 7 must be individuals who do not have any connection with management or policy of a health care provider or payor. Of the remaining six members, only two may be physicians and only two may be payors. When appointing members to MHCC, the Governor must, to the extent practicable, assure geographic balance and promote racial diversity in the MHCC's membership.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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