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Senate Bill 603

(Senators Colburn and Pipkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Caroline County - Board of License Commissioners - Salaries

This bill increases the salaries of the members of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to an amount set by the county commissioners but not less than \$3,000 for the chairman and \$2,500 for the two regular board members. An alternate board member receives \$100 per meeting, not to exceed \$2,000 annually.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006, except that salary increases are not to take effect until the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Assuming that Caroline County sets the amount of salary at the minimum established in the bill, annual salary expenditures would increase by \$3,511, including fringe benefits when the new salaries are effective.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The salary of the Caroline County Chairman of the Board of License Commissioners is \$1,750, and the salaries of the two associate members are \$1,500 each. Alternate members receive compensation of \$50 per meeting.

The members of the Liquor Control Board constitute the members of the Board of License Commissioners. The term of office is three years. Appointments are made by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates.

Background: There is no uniformity to the structure and salaries of the persons responsible for regulating alcoholic beverages in different counties. For those counties that have a board of license commissioners and pay an annual salary, the salaries vary significantly. For example, in Prince George's County the chairman receives \$18,000 and the members receive \$17,000 annually. In Calvert County, the chairman receives \$2,100 and other members receive \$1,800. Queen Anne's County compensates members on a per-meeting basis. Other counties, such as Garrett County, do not have a separate board of license commissioners, but utilize the board of county commissioners for alcoholic beverage licensing. In St. Mary's County the license commissioners do not receive compensation. In Allegany County, the salaries of the license commissioners are set by the county commissioners based on the recommendations of the Allegany County Salary Study Commission.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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