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House Bill 516
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Frederick County - Advisory Plumbing Board

This bill increases the membership of the Frederick County Advisory Plumbing Board from three to five by adding one plumber and one other person to assist in the drafting and promulgation of the plumbing code and its enforcement. The bill also provides for the staggering of the members' terms of office. A member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies, and a member appointed after a term has begun serves for the rest of that position's term.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Adding two additional members to the Frederick County Advisory Plumbing Board would not affect county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Advisory Plumbing Board is comprised of three members: one person designated by the county's health officer, one plumber, and one other person to assist in the drafting and promulgation of the plumbing code and its enforcement. Board members are appointed by the Frederick County Commissioners to serve for a four-year term.

Background: The board is required to meet at least once during any six-month period. The duties of the board include assisting the plumbing inspector in the promulgation and enforcement of the plumbing code and recommending changes in the plumbing code to the board of county commissioners. The board reviews the credentials and licenses issued by the plumbing inspector to all persons licensed by the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing as master or journeymen plumbers or county licensed master or journeymen plumbers. The Advisory Plumbing Board sits as a board of arbitration with respect to any disputes that may arise involving the interpretation of the plumbing code.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County advises that since the members on the Advisory Plumbing Board do not receive any compensation for their service or require any equipment, adding two additional members to the board would not affect county finances. The other provisions of the bill are technical or procedural in nature and should not affect county finances.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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