CHAPTER 610

(House Bill 492)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Board of License Commissioners – Attorney Compensation

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FOR the purpose of requiring the County Council of Prince George's County to pay the attorney for the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County certain legal fees for representing the Board in court; requiring the Board to establish the rate for those fees; specifying that the salary of and certain additional compensation for the attorney for the Board be included in the annual budget; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 15–109(r)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 15–109(r)(5) and (6) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(r) (1) This subsection applies only in Prince George's County.

(5) (i) The attorney for the Board shall be appointed by, and serve at the will of, the Board.

(ii) The attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$15,500.

(III) [and the] THE <u>IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL SALARY</u> <u>DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE</u> County Council shall pay TO THE ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD:

1. [all] ALL court costs and expenses incurred therein by the attorney to the Board; AND

2. LEGAL FEES THAT THE BOARD APPROVES FOR REPRESENTING THE BOARD IN COURT, INCLUDING FEES APPROVED BY THE BOARD BUT NOT PAID IN PRIOR FISCAL YEARS.

(IV) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE FEE RATE FOR REPRESENTING THE BOARD IN COURT.

(6) **(I)** The County Council shall pay for all expenses of the Board of License Commissioners upon the submission of an annual budget.

(II) In that budget, the salary of the members of the Board, THE SALARY OF THE ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD, AND ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL FEES FOR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD, shall be approved as hereinbefore set forth[; all].

(III) ALL other expenses, including, but not restricted to, the compensation of the inspectors, the salary of the administrator as limited herein, compensation of other personnel, who shall be qualified and employed under the county merit system, printing, supplies, and office space, shall be at the discretion of the County Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.