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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 492  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - Board of License Commissioners - Attorney  
Compensation  
PG 306-07**

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This bill requires the Prince George's County Council to pay the attorney for the county board of license commissioners, in addition to the annual salary, the approved legal fees for representing the board in court. The amount includes any legal fees approved by the board but not paid in prior fiscal years. The county board of license commissioners must establish the attorney fee rate for representing the board in court.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. This bill codifies current practice. The Prince George's County FY 2007 budget already includes funding for the board's attorney's legal fees.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Prince George's County Council must pay for all expenses of the board of license commissioners upon the submission of an annual budget. In that budget, the salary of board members must be approved as prescribed in statute; however, all other expenses including the compensation of other personnel are at the discretion of the

county council. State law provides that the board attorney receive an annual salary of \$15,500, with the county council paying all court costs and expenses incurred by the attorney.

**Background:** In addition to the salary of \$15,500, the board attorney has been receiving a contractual income of \$26,500 annually. Current law does not provide that the board attorney be compensated for legal fees.

**Local Expenditures:** The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners advises that the \$26,500 annual contractual compensation for the board's attorney was approved by the county council for fiscal 2006 and 2007. The board has budgeted an amount of \$26,500 for fiscal 2008. In future years, Prince George's County expenditures could increase to the extent that the board of license commissioners of the county council approve additional compensation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None designated although SB 247 is identical.

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