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House Bill 296
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Liquor Control Board - Salaries

This bill increases the annual salaries of the members of the Harford County Liquor Control Board from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The salary for the board chairman increases from \$4,500 to \$7,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County personnel expenditures could increase by up to \$4,800 in FY 2008 and by \$11,300 annually beginning in FY 2010. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Salary adjustments for board members take effect at the beginning of the next term of office. The Chairman of the Harford County Liquor Control Board receives an annual compensation of \$4,500. The other four board members receive an annual compensation of \$4,000.

Nominees for the liquor control board are submitted to the Harford County Delegation of the General Assembly for their advice and consent. Final appointments to the board are

made by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council. Members serve three-year staggered terms.

Background: Compensation for alcoholic license commissioners varies by jurisdiction. The majority of jurisdictions compensate commissioners with an annual salary, while some smaller jurisdictions compensate commissioners on a per meeting basis. Salaries for the Harford County Liquor Control Board were last increased in 1996.

Local Fiscal Effect: Harford County Liquor Control Board members' terms start on April 1. Based on the staggered appointment schedule, two members would receive salary increases in fiscal 2008, one in fiscal 2009, and two in fiscal 2010. **Exhibit 1** shows the cost for the salary enhancements over the next three years, based on the assumption that one of the two members appointed in 2008 would be elected as chairman.

Exhibit 1
Salary Increases for Harford County Liquor Control Board
Fiscal 2008-2010

<u>Beginning of Term</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
April 1, 2008	2	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
April 1, 2009	1	0	2,000	2,000
April 1, 2010	2	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Subtotal		\$4,500	\$6,500	\$10,500
Payroll Taxes		<u>344</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>803</u>
Total		\$4,844	\$6,997	\$11,303

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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