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House Bill 163
Economic Matters

(Howard County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

**Howard County - Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board - Qualifications
for Membership
Ho. Co. 15-08**

This bill prohibits a member of the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County from being employed by the Howard County government.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect Howard County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A member of the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County may not hold another public office or be employed by a public body.

Background: The board conducts hearings and renders decisions on cases involving alcoholic beverage licensees in the county. The board consists of five members, one from each council district appointed by the County Executive from a list of persons provided by the county council (three names submitted from each council district).

In order to qualify for appointment to the board, individuals must be of good moral character and integrity; a registered voter of the county immediately prior to the appointment; and a least 21 years of age. Board members may not hold another public office or be employed by a public body. Except under specified circumstances, board members may not have direct or indirect interest in any premises where alcoholic beverages are manufactured or sold, or in any business wholly or partially devoted to the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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