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House Bill 616
Economic Matters

(Howard County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Hearing Board and Liquor Board
Personnel
Ho. Co. 11-09**

This bill specifies that the personnel needed to carry out the duties of the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board and the Board of License Commissioners in Howard County must be included in the staff of the county council and supervised by the county council administrator. The bill also repeals prior language that required the director of the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits to provide an administrator to serve the boards.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Transferring the liquor board's staff from the jurisdiction of the executive branch to the county council will not affect Howard County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The director of the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits must provide a single administrator to serve both the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board and the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County. Other staff may be provided as necessary to carry out the duties of the boards.

Background: The Howard County Council acts as the Board of License Commissioners. Although the administrator serves the county council when the council is acting in its role as the county liquor board, under the current arrangement, the administrator reports to the executive branch of county government and is not located with other council staff. This bill is intended to enable the liquor board's staff to work more efficiently with the county council.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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