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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 668  
Economic Matters

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

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**Harford County - Liquor Control Board Membership - Nomination Process**

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This bill alters the process for selecting nominees to the Harford County Liquor Control Board (the board). The bill requires the county executive to submit the name of one nominee to the Harford County Senators and Delegates and specifies procedures for the approval or rejection of the nominee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Altering the nomination process for board members will not affect Harford County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** At least 60 days prior to the expiration of a board member's term, or for a vacancy other than one resulting from an expired term, as soon as practicable, the county executive must submit the name of one nominee to the Harford County Senators and Delegates (the delegation) for its advice and consent. If the delegation does not approve or reject the nominee within seven working days, the nominee is considered to be approved. If the delegation rejects the nominee, the county executive must nominate a new individual within seven working days of receiving notice of the rejection. This process must continue until a nominee is approved. The county executive submits the name of the approved nominee to the county council for its advice and consent.

**Current Law:** The county executive submits a list of nominees to the delegation for approval. The list must contain at least three names for each vacancy and be submitted 60 days prior to the occurrence of the vacancy. A failure by the delegation to act within seven working days is considered to be an approval for each nominee on the list. The county executive may replace any nominee that was rejected by the delegation and resubmit the list for delegation approval. The county executive submits the name of one of the nominees to the county council for its advice and consent.

**Background:** The Harford County Liquor Control Board consists of five members who serve staggered three-year terms.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 153 (Senator Glassman, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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