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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 369
Finance

(Senator Della)

Maryland Port Commission - Membership

This bill adds two members to the Maryland Port Commission, specifies the initial terms of these new members, and requires an additional voting member to constitute a quorum.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances. Any expense reimbursements and other compensation for the two additional commission members is assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The commission was established by Chapter 541 of 1988 and charged with establishing policies that improve the competitive position of Maryland ports within the international port industry. Commissioners are also involved with conducting studies and surveys and considering implementation of their results; establishing foreign trade zones; acquiring facilities and overseeing improvements to them; and managing the dredging of shipping channels.

The commission consists of seven voting members, including the Secretary of Transportation and six individuals who are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Secretary of Business and Economic Development has been a nonvoting commission member since 2007.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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