

# HOUSE BILL 175

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By: **Delegates Cluster, Aumann, Boteler, Bromwell, Burns, Cardin, Frank, Impallaria, Kach, Lafferty, McDonough, Minnick, Morhaim, Stein, Szeliga, and Weir**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Revenue Authority – Public Ethics Law**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to  
4 include each member and employee of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority  
5 in the definition of “local official” for all purposes of the Baltimore County Public  
6 Ethics Law; and generally relating to public ethics laws and the Baltimore  
7 County Revenue Authority.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – State Government  
10 Section 15–803  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 15–807(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – State Government**

21 15–803.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Subject to § 15–209 of this title, each county and each municipal  
2 corporation shall enact provisions to govern the public ethics of local officials relating  
3 to:

- 4 (1) conflicts of interest;
- 5 (2) financial disclosure; and
- 6 (3) lobbying.

7 (b) Each local ethics commission or appropriate entity shall certify to the  
8 Ethics Commission that the county or municipal corporation is in compliance with the  
9 requirements for elected local officials of this Part I on or before October 1 of each  
10 year.

11 15–807.

12 (b) **[For] IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, “LOCAL OFFICIAL” INCLUDES:**

13 **(1) EACH MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
14 **REVENUE AUTHORITY; AND**

15 **(2) FOR** the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by  
16 the governing body of Baltimore County, **[“local official” includes:**

17 (1) the executive director and each member of the revenue authority;  
18 and

19 **(2)]** except for a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education,  
20 each member of a board of a State agency that is wholly or partly funded by Baltimore  
21 County, regardless of whether the member is compensated.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2012.