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House Bill 1127

(Harford County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Harford County - Advisory Plumbing Board

This bill authorizes the governing body of Harford County to enact a local law providing for the membership and terms of office for the Advisory Plumbing Board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: This bill reflects the current practice in Harford County for the appointment of members to the Advisory Plumbing Board. Harford County finances are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Section 16-7 of the Public Local Laws of Harford County establishes the composition, qualifications, and terms of the board members who are appointed to the Harford County Advisory Plumbing Board. The board is comprised of five members; the county health officer (or designee), three master plumbers, and a department head who is responsible for the enforcement of the plumbing code. Board members are appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council for terms coterminous with those of the county executive and county council. Additionally, any board member may succeed themselves in office. The board members must also be residents of the county and their principal place of business must be located in the county. When a board member term comes to an end, or a vacancy occurs during a term, the county executive must appoint a replacement, confirmed by the county council in accordance with the county's charter.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 947 (Senator Gallion) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

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