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The State Ethics Commission provides this informational written testimony to clarify that pursuant to §5-103(b)(6) of the Maryland Public Ethics Law, employees and members of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners are subject to both the conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics. The proposed legislation requires the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to adopt and publish “a written policy related to conflicts of interest and the recusal of board members from board matters.” Any such policy is a separate Board policy and may not conflict with the participation restrictions of §5-501 of the Public Ethics Law (Md. Code Ann., Gen’l Prov. Title 5 (Supp. 2025)) or be less strict than these provisions.