

HOUSE BILL 1022

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners Membership~~
3 Howard County and Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages –
4 Membership and Compensation of Boards

5 PG 309–14

6 FOR the purpose of expanding the membership of the Board of License Commissioners
7 of Prince George's County; requiring the Governor to appoint a certain number
8 of commissioners from certain political parties; requiring the Governor to
9 appoint at least a certain number of commissioners from each legislative district
10 in the county; requiring certain central committees to designate each
11 commissioner serving on a certain date as an eligible candidate, with a certain
12 exception; providing for staggered terms of office; requiring that not more than
13 a certain number of appointees belong to the same political party; providing
14 that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage
15 Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council;
16 authorizing certain central committees to submit lists of eligible candidates for
17 commissioner to the Governor on or after a certain date; providing for the
18 effective dates of this Act; making certain stylistic changes; and generally
19 relating to the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County and
20 the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
23 Section 15–101(r) and 15–107.1(f)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

5 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

6 15–101.

7 (r) (1) This subsection applies in Prince George’s County.

8 (2) (i) The Board of License Commissioners consists of [5] NINE
9 members.

10 (ii) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**
11 **PARAGRAPH, THE** Governor shall appoint:

12 1. [4 of the 5 Commissioners] **EIGHT OF THE NINE**
13 **COMMISSIONERS** from the political party obtaining the highest number of votes in
14 the last gubernatorial general election in the county[, and the Governor shall appoint
15 1]; **AND**

16 2. **ONE [Commissioner] COMMISSIONER** from the
17 political party obtaining the next highest number of votes in the county election.

18 **(III) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE**
19 **COMMISSIONER FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S**
20 **COUNTY.**

21 [(iii)] **(IV) 1. [Before] SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2**
22 **OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, BEFORE** making the appointments or filling any vacancy,
23 the Governor shall request the central committees for Prince George’s County
24 representing each of the [2] **TWO** leading political parties of the State to designate at
25 least [4] **FOUR** eligible candidates for each position[;].

26 2. **EACH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE**
27 **EACH COMMISSIONER SERVING ON JUNE 30, 2014, AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE,**
28 **UNLESS TWO OR MORE COMMISSIONERS RESIDE IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE**
29 **DISTRICT, IN WHICH CASE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE ONLY**
30 **ONE COMMISSIONER AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FROM THAT LEGISLATIVE**
31 **DISTRICT.**

32 3. [and the] **THE** Governor shall appoint one of the
33 persons so designated unless in [his] **THE GOVERNOR’S** judgment all of the persons

1 are unfit or incompetent, in which case [he] **THE GOVERNOR** shall file a written
2 statement to that effect with the Secretary of State.

3 4. The statement **FILED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH**
4 **3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH** shall set forth the facts and the grounds [therefor] **FOR**
5 **FILING THE STATEMENT** and shall call upon the committees for Prince George's
6 County for another list of [6] **SIX** names for each position to be filled, from which list
7 and the original list the Governor shall make the appointments.

8 (3) (I) The term of a [member] **COMMISSIONER** is 3 years.

9 (II) The terms of the [members] **COMMISSIONERS** are
10 staggered as required by the terms provided for [members of the Board]
11 **COMMISSIONERS** on July 1, [1985] **2014**.

12 (4) Not more than [4] **EIGHT** of the appointees shall belong to the
13 same political party.

14 15-107.1.

15 (f) (1) The compensation of the Hearing Board members for the
16 performance of their duties shall be[:

17 (i) For the chairperson, \$55 per meeting attended, not to exceed
18 \$1,300 in a fiscal year regardless of the number of meetings attended; and

19 (ii) For other Hearing Board members, \$50 per meeting
20 attended, not to exceed \$1,200 in a fiscal year regardless of the number of meetings
21 attended] **THE AMOUNT SET BY THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL; and**

22 (2) The compensation of the Liquor Board members for the
23 performance of their duties shall be:

24 (i) For the chairperson, \$55 per meeting attended, not to exceed
25 \$1,300 in a fiscal year regardless of the number of meetings attended; and

26 (ii) For other Liquor Board members, \$50 per meeting attended,
27 not to exceed \$1,200 in a fiscal year regardless of the number of meetings attended.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, under Article 2B, §
29 15-101(r) as enacted by this Act, the central committees for Prince George's County
30 representing each of the two leading political parties of the State may submit their list
31 of eligible candidates for commissioner to the Governor on or after June 1, 2014.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the
2 ~~commissioners~~ Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners serving on
3 July 1, 2014, end as follows:

4 (1) three commissioners on June 30, 2015;

5 (2) three commissioners on June 30, 2016; and

6 (3) three commissioners on June 30, 2017.

7 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
8 take effect June 1, 2014.

9 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
10 Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.