

## **Chapter 327**

**(House Bill 267)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Public Ethics Laws – Baltimore City – Health Department, Police Department, and Civilian Review Board**

FOR the purpose of altering the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to provide that employees of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, the civilian employees and police officers of the Police Department of Baltimore City, and members and employees of the Civilian Review Board are subject only to the Baltimore City Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to public ethics laws and the employees of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 15–102(a) and (m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 15–807  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – State Government**

15–102.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated unless:

(1) the context clearly requires a different meaning; or

(2) a different definition is adopted for a particular provision.

(m) (1) “Executive unit” means a department, agency, commission, board, council, or other body of State government that:

(i) is established by law; and

(ii) is not in the Legislative Branch or the Judicial Branch of State government.

(2) “Executive unit” includes:

(i) a county health department unless the officials and employees of the department are expressly designated as “local officials” in § 15–807 of this title;

(ii) the office of the sheriff in each county;

(iii) the office of the State’s Attorney in each county;

(iv) the Liquor Control Board for Somerset County; and

(v) the Liquor Control Board for Worcester County.

15–807.

(a) In Baltimore City, [for the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by the governing body of Baltimore City,] “local official” includes [Baltimore City health and housing inspectors who inspect for lead hazards]:

**(1) CITY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT;**

**(2) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE CITY AND THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND POLICE OFFICERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY; AND**

**(3) EACH MEMBER OF AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD.**

(b) For the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by the governing body of Baltimore County, “local official” includes:

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

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

- (c) In Montgomery County, "local official" includes:
  - (1) each member and employee of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority;
  - (2) each commissioner and employee of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission; and
  - (3) county employees of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.
- (d) In Prince George's County, "local official" includes:
  - (1) each member of the Board of License Commissioners;
  - (2) the chief inspector and any other inspector of the Board of License Commissioners;
  - (3) the administrator of the Board of License Commissioners; and
  - (4) the attorney to the Board of License Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

**Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.**