

HOUSE BILL 668

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Liquor Control Board Membership – Nomination Process**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the process in which nominees are selected for vacancies
4 on the Harford County Liquor Control Board resulting from expired terms;
5 requiring the County Executive to submit the name of one nominee within a
6 certain time to the County Delegation of State Senators and Delegates for its
7 advice and consent; requiring the County Delegation to approve or reject the
8 nominee within a certain time; specifying that if the County Delegation fails to
9 act the nominee shall be considered to have been approved; requiring the
10 County Executive to submit the name of a new nominee to the County
11 Delegation under certain circumstances if the previous nominee is rejected;
12 requiring the County Executive to submit the name of the nominee approved by
13 the County Delegation to the County Council for its advice and consent;
14 specifying certain procedures to follow to fill a vacancy on the Board other than
15 one resulting from an expired term; and generally relating to the Harford
16 County Liquor Control Board.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 15–201(c)(3) and (j)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

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 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

2 15–201.

3 (c) (3) (i) Nominees shall be selected for vacancies on the Harford
4 County Liquor Control Board with consideration given to geographical representation.

5 (ii) 1. The appointment process to fill vacancies **RESULTING**
6 **FROM EXPIRED TERMS** on the Harford County Liquor Control Board is as [follows:

7 1. The County Executive shall present a list of nominees
8 to the Harford County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly for their advice
9 and consent. The list shall contain a minimum of 3 names for each vacancy and be
10 presented 60 days prior to the occurrence of the vacancy;

11 2. Within 7 working days from the receipt of the list
12 from the County Executive, the Harford County Delegation shall consent by approving
13 the nominees or by deleting names from the list of nominees. If the delegation fails to
14 act on the list within the 7 working day period, all of the nominees are, by operation of
15 the law, automatically consented to as originally submitted by the County Executive;

16 3. Within 7 working days of the receipt of the list that
17 was acted upon by the delegation, the County Executive may replace any nominee that
18 was deleted by the delegation and may resubmit the list for delegation approval in
19 accord with subparagraph 2 of this paragraph;

20 4. The County Executive shall submit 1 of the nominees
21 for each vacancy to the County Council for its advice and consent.]**PROVIDED IN THIS**
22 **SUBPARAGRAPH.**

23 **2. AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF A**
24 **MEMBER’S TERM, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL SUBMIT THE NAME OF ONE**
25 **NOMINEE TO THE HARFORD COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND**
26 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CONSISTING OF HARFORD COUNTY SENATORS AND**
27 **DELEGATES, FOR THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE DELEGATION.**

28 **3. WITHIN 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE**
29 **DELEGATION RECEIVES THE NAME OF THE NOMINEE:**

30 **A. THE DELEGATION SHALL APPROVE OR REJECT**
31 **THE NOMINEE; OR**

32 **B. IF THE DELEGATION FAILS TO ACT, THE NOMINEE**
33 **SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED.**

1 **4. IF THE DELEGATION REJECTS THE NOMINEE, THE**
2 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL SUBMIT THE NAME OF A NEW NOMINEE TO THE**
3 **DELEGATION WITHIN 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
4 **RECEIVES NOTICE OF THE REJECTION.**

5 **5. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL CONTINUE TO**
6 **SUBMIT NAMES OF NOMINEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 3**
7 **AND 4 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE DELEGATION UNTIL A NOMINEE IS**
8 **APPROVED.**

9 **6. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL SUBMIT THE**
10 **NAME OF THE APPROVED NOMINEE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ITS ADVICE**
11 **AND CONSENT.**

12 (j) **(1) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF**
13 **THIS SUBSECTION, IN case of a vacancy on an appointive board for any reason**
14 **whatsoever, it shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the**
15 **original appointment[; except that in].**

16 **(2) IN Worcester County, the vacancy shall be filled by the Governor**
17 **with the advice and consent of the Senate.**

18 **(3) IN HARFORD COUNTY, TO FILL A VACANCY OTHER THAN ONE**
19 **RESULTING FROM AN EXPIRED TERM:**

20 **(i) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE,**
21 **SHALL SUBMIT THE NAME OF ONE NOMINEE TO THE HARFORD COUNTY**
22 **DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CONSISTING OF**
23 **HARFORD COUNTY SENATORS AND DELEGATES, FOR THE ADVICE AND**
24 **CONSENT OF THE DELEGATION; AND**

25 **(ii) THEREAFTER, THE PROCEDURES UNDER SUBSECTION**
26 **(C)(3)(ii)3 THROUGH 6 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FOLLOWED.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2010.