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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Ethics Reforms**

3 **PG 425–11**

4 FOR the purpose of specifying that the ethics provisions required to be enacted by  
5 Prince George’s County shall contain certain provisions; requiring that the  
6 provisions prohibit a person from lobbying the county government for  
7 contingent compensation; requiring that the provisions prohibit the county  
8 government from issuing a credit card to certain persons; requiring that the  
9 provisions prohibit an elected county official from soliciting certain persons to  
10 enter into a business relationship with, or provide anything of value to, certain  
11 other persons; requiring that the provisions establish a board of ethics composed  
12 of a certain number of members and having an executive director; requiring the  
13 provisions to provide for an ethics advisor who shall perform certain duties; and  
14 generally relating to ethics reform in Prince George’s County.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – State Government  
17 Section 15–807(d)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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2 Article – State Government  
3 Section 15–808  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – State Government**

9 15–807.

10 (d) (1) [In] THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO Prince George’s County[,  
11 “local].

12 (2) “LOCAL official” includes:

13 [(1)] (I) each member of the Board of License Commissioners;

14 [(2)] (II) the chief inspector and any other inspector of the Board of  
15 License Commissioners;

16 [(3)] (III) the administrator of the Board of License Commissioners;  
17 and

18 [(4)] (IV) the attorney to the Board of License Commissioners.

19 (3) THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISIONS REQUIRED UNDER  
20 § 15–803(A)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE:

21 (I) SHALL PROHIBIT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM  
22 ISSUING A CREDIT CARD TO AN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIAL OR A MEMBER OF  
23 THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD; AND

24 (II) SHALL PROHIBIT AN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIAL FROM  
25 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SOLICITING A PERSON TO ENTER INTO A BUSINESS

1 RELATIONSHIP WITH OR PROVIDE ANYTHING OF VALUE TO A SPECIFIC  
2 INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY, IF THE PERSON BEING SOLICITED IS SEEKING:

3 1. THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF COUNTY  
4 LEGISLATION;

5 2. A COUNTY CONTRACT; OR

6 3. ANY OTHER COUNTY BENEFIT.

7 (4) THE LOBBYING PROVISIONS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-803(A)(3)  
8 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM BEING ENGAGED FOR  
9 LOBBYING PURPOSES FOR COMPENSATION THAT IS DEPENDENT IN ANY  
10 MANNER ON THE OUTCOME OF EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE ACTION BEFORE  
11 THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

12 (5) THE COUNTY'S ETHICS ENACTMENTS SHALL PROVIDE FOR:

13 (I) A COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS COMPOSED OF SEVEN  
14 MEMBERS;

15 (II) A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF  
16 ETHICS; AND

17 (III) AN ETHICS ADVISOR WHO:

18 1. SHALL MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH EACH ELECTED  
19 OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY AT LEAST ANNUALLY, AND SHALL CONSULT MORE  
20 FREQUENTLY IF INDICATED, TO ADVISE THE OFFICIAL REGARDING THE  
21 REQUIREMENTS OF ANY APPLICABLE ETHICS LAW, RULE, OR STANDARD OF  
22 CONDUCT;

23 2. SHALL ASSIST EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE  
24 COUNTY IN PREPARING ANY AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO BE  
25 FILED UNDER THE COUNTY'S ETHICS ENACTMENTS;

26 3. SHALL CONDUCT ETHICS-RELATED BRIEFINGS  
27 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY; AND

1                                   **4.    MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ANY PERSON**  
2 **REGARDING LAWS, RULES, AND OTHER STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**  
3 **APPLICABLE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY.**

4    15-808.

5           (a)    If the Ethics Commission determines that a county or municipal  
6 corporation has not complied with the requirements of this Part I, the Ethics  
7 Commission may petition a circuit court with venue over the proceeding for  
8 appropriate relief to compel compliance.

9           (b)    The circuit court may grant any available equitable relief.

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