

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 4/8/97

Reference No.: CB-8-1997

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Bailey

Item Title: An Act providing representation on the Minority Business Opportunity Commission from certain industries and associations, and setting the terms of membership

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 1/28/97

Executive Action: 4/24/97 S

Committee Referral:(1) 1/28/97 HEHS

Effective Date: 6/9/97

Committee Action:(1) 2/26/97 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 3/18/97

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) 4/8/97 1:45 P.M.

Council Action: (1) 4/8/97 ENACTED

Council Votes: DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/26/97

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members MacKinnon, Bailey and Scott).

This legislation will amend Section 2-450 of the Prince George's County Code concerning the composition and terms of membership of the Minority Business Opportunities Commission. Draft 1 would have further modified the Code to permit Commission members to disclose a financial interest with the County to the Chair and Executive Director of the Commission and recuse themselves from participating in any issue or vote from which they might receive financial gain. Concern was expressed that this disclosure provision would relax the ethical standards for members of the

Minority Business Opportunity Commission. The Committee amended the bill by restoring the prior Code language prohibiting Commission members from holding or benefitting from any financial interest with the County. The Committee voted to restore the bracketed language on page 2, paragraph c, beginning at line 7 and delete underscored language on page 2, lines 10-15. This necessitated a draft 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Under present law the (7) seven members of this uncompensated Commission are chosen from the general citizenry of Prince George's County. This bill will strengthen the Code to encourage the County Executive to select County residents who are members of the business or legal community, with one member still serving as a citizen representative. The terms of members currently are limited to (2) two years and (2) two successive terms. This bill would change the terms to (4) four years with unlimited opportunity for reappointment. Draft 1 also contained a financial interest disclosure provision. This was amended in Committee (see Committee report). The Office of Audits and Investigations states there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-8-1997.

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