

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0095
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: Baltimore City Board of Ethics

Introduced and read first time: July 17, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Ethics, Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Public Ethics Law – City Board of Liquor License Commissioners –**
3 **Conformance to New State Law**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the Baltimore City Public Ethics Law to comply with Chapter 519,
5 2017 Acts of the General Assembly, which subjects the members and employees of virtually
6 all local liquor control boards and local boards of liquor license commissioners, including the
7 Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, to the restrictions and requirements
8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and, consequently, under the exclusive jurisdiction of the
9 State Ethics Commission; and providing for a special effective date coinciding with the
10 effective date of Chapter 519.

11 BY authority of
12 State Code Article - General Provisions
13 Sections 5-103(b)(6) and 5-801(c), inter alia
14 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
15 (As amended by Chapter 519, 2017 Acts of the General Assembly)

16 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendment
17 Article 8 - Ethics
18 Sections 2-2(a) and 2-3(a)
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

21 BY repealing
22 Article 8 - Ethics
23 Sections 2-2(b)(4), 2-3(b)(5), and 7-8(27)
24 Baltimore City Code
25 (Edition 2000)

26 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
27 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 17-0095

Baltimore City Code

Article 8. Ethics

Subtitle 2. Definitions; General Provisions

§ 2-2. “Agency”.

(a) *In general.*

“Agency” means any department, board, commission, council, authority, committee, office, or other unit of City government.

(b) *Inclusions.*

“Agency” also includes:

...

[(4) Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City;]

....

§ 2-3. “Board”.

(a) *In general.*

“Board” means any board, commission, council, authority, committee, or other unit of City government that comprises 2 or more members, all of whom are appointed and serve on a part-time basis.

(b) *Inclusions.*

“Board” also includes:

...

[(5) Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City;]

....

Subtitle 7. Financial Disclosure

§ 7-8. Persons required to file – Agency officials and staff.

The following officials and employees must file the financial disclosure statements required by this subtitle:

...

[(27) *Liquor License Commissioners Board.*

(i) Members of Board.

(ii) Executive Secretary.

Council Bill 17-0095

1 (iii) All inspectors.

2 (iv) All non-clerical employees of Board.]

3

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
5 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
6 Ordinance.

7 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on October 1,
8 2017.