

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 20-20

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, March 2, 2020

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Introduced and first read on March 2, 2020  
Public Hearing set for April 6, 2020 (Postponed)  
Public Hearing set for and held on June 1, 2020  
Bill AMENDED on June 15, 2020  
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on July 6, 2020  
Bill Expires June 5, 2020 (Expiration Date Extended to July 23, 2020)

By Order: JoAnne Gray, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Ethics – Conflicts of Interest

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3 ~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting County employees from assisting or representing parties~~  
4 ~~for contingent compensation in any matter before the County; making technical~~  
5 ~~corrections; and generally relating to ethics.~~  
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7 FOR the purpose of excluding non-compensated board and commission members from the  
8 prohibition against employees representing or assisting others in certain matters;  
9 prohibiting non-compensated board and commission members from assisting or  
10 representing a person for contingent compensation in certain matters; and generally  
11 relating to ethics.  
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13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 7-5-104  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)  
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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
17 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:  
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19 **ARTICLE 7 PUBLIC ETHICS**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment.

TITLE 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

7-5-104. Employment restriction – Representation or assistance.

~~[(a) Generally. Except as provided in subsection (b), an] AN employee may not, ~~[[other than in the course of the employee’s official duties]] FOR CONTINGENT COMPENSATION, assist or represent a person in any matter:~~~~

- ~~(1) before any governmental unit or employee of the County; or~~
- ~~(2) in which the County has an interest.~~

~~[(b) Exceptions. Subsection (a) does not apply to:~~

- ~~(1) the performance of usual and customary constituent services without additional compensation; or~~
- ~~(2) assistance to or representation of an employee without compensation in an employment-related matter by an employee other than an elected or appointed employee; or~~
- ~~(3) assistance or representation that is authorized by law or contract.]~~

(a) Generally. Except as provided in subsection (b), an employee may not, other than in the course of the employee’s official duties, assist or represent a person in any matter:

- (1) before any governmental unit or employee of the County; or
- (2) in which the County has an interest.

(b) Exceptions. Subsection (a) does not apply to:

- (1) the performance of usual and customary constituent services without additional compensation; ~~[[or]]~~
- (2) assistance to or representation of an employee without compensation in an employment-related matter by an employee other than an elected or appointed employee; ~~[[or]]~~
- (3) assistance or representation that is authorized by law or contract~~[[.]]; OR~~

(4) NON-COMPENSATED BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS, EXCEPT THAT NON-COMPENSATED BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS MAY NOT ASSIST OR REPRESENT A PERSON FOR CONTINGENT COMPENSATION IN ANY MATTER LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A).

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020

By Order:



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020



Steuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 22, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
BILL NO. 20-20. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE  
FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer