

# ENROLLED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2015  
BILL 2015-10

Introduced: July 21, 2015

BY: The Council President at the request of the County Executive.

**AN ACT** to amend Chapter 37 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Ethics Law," Article V, titled "Employees and Appointed Officials Disclosure Statements," Section 37-23, titled "Applicability," to limit the gift disclosure statement requirement to only County employees at a pay grade of 17 and above. County Employees below pay grade 17 only need to complete a gift disclosure statement if they received a gift during the preceding calendar year;

WHEREAS, Chapter 37, Section 37-23, requires all County employees, who are not covered by the State Ethics Statute, to file a statement, on or before April 30 of each year, disclosing gifts received during the preceding calendar year from any person doing business with or regulated by the County;

WHEREAS, the task of accurately tracking the Gift Disclosure Statement for all employees (seasonal, part-time and full-time employees) is labor-intensive and costly;

WHEREAS, it appears advisable, upon the favorable recommendation of the County Executive and the Wicomico County Ethics Commission to amend Chapter 37 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Ethics Law," Article V, titled "Employees and Appointed Officials Disclosure Statements," Section 37-23, titled "Applicability," to limit the gift disclosure statement requirement to only County employees at a pay grade of 17 and above. County Employees below pay grade 17 only need to complete a gift disclosure statement if they received a gift during the preceding calendar year.

**SECTION I: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION**, that Chapter 37 of the Wicomico County Code, titled "Ethics Law," Article V, titled "Employee and Appointed Officials Disclosure Statements," Section 37-23, titled "Applicability" be and the same is hereby amended, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 37  
Ethics Law

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Article V

Employees and Appointed Officials Disclosure Statements

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§37-23 Applicability.

This article only applies to the following appointed officials and employees:

- A. Director of Administration.
- B. Purchasing Agent.
- C. Council Administrator.
- D. All County department directors and deputy directors.
- E. Executive Assistants to the County Executive.
- F. Executive Assistant to the County Council.
- G. Internal Auditor.
- H. Audit Committee.
- I. Building and Fire Inspectors.
- J. All County employees WHO ARE CLASSIFIED ON THE WICOMICO COUNTY PAY PLAN AT GRADE 17 OR ABOVE AND, who are not covered by the State Ethics Statute.
- K. ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES BELOW GRADE 17 WHO RECEIVED A GIFT FROM ANY PERSON DOING BUSINESS WITH OR REGULATED BY THE COUNTY.
- K.L. Members of the following boards and commission:
  - (1) Animal Appeal Board.
  - (2) Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.
  - (3) Agricultural Reconciliation Committee.
  - (4) Airport Commission.
  - (5) Board of Appeals.
  - (6) Board of Electrical Examiners.
  - (7) Ethics Commission.
  - (8) Historic District Commission.
  - (9) Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board).
  - (10) Local Management Board.
  - (11) Personnel Board.
  - (12) Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - (13) Recreation and Parks Commission.
  - (14) Retirement Investment Trustees.
  - (15) Tourism Board.
  - (16) Youth and Civic Center Commission.

**SECTION II.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2015-10 of Wicomico County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
BY: John T. Cannon, President

  
BY: Matthew E. Creamer, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.

  
Matthew E. Creamer, Secretary

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike out indicates material deleted from law.~~

~~CAPITAL STRIKE OUT~~ indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill.

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 2015-10

Legislative Day No. 15

INTRODUCED BY: President of the Council upon recommendation of the County Executive

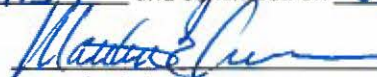
Date: July 21, 2015

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on: August 18, 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on 8/18/15 and concluded on 8/18/15.

  
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Council Administrator

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

  
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Council Administrator

Presented to the County Executive for approval this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 at 3:45 a.m./p.m. (5 days §411)

  
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Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

APPROVED  
Date: 8/18/15  
(21 days §411)

VETOED  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Bill having been approved by the County Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 18, 2015 and effective on: October 17, 2015. (60 days §311)

**ENROLLMENT:**

Legislative Bill No. 2015-10 is herewith submitted to the County Council of Wicomico County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

  
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Council Administrator  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ENROLLED

  
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Council President  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_