COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2017 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. : December 19, 2017

Bill No.: 1381

Expiration Date: February 22, 2018

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price, Ms. Williams

A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1115, TO AMEND SECTION 5 (MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; VACANCIES) OF ARTICLE II (BOARD OF TOURISM) OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF TOURISM

By the Council: December 19, 2017

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order Susan W. Moran

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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WHEREAS, Talbot County has a Board of Tourism to develop policies, plans, goals, objectives, and programs for the promotion and management of tourism and travel-related businesses and services in Talbot County, as well as to encourage development of cooperative programs among the various municipalities, organizations and segments of the tourism industry throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the composition of the Talbot County Board of Tourism was last changed by Bill 1115 in 2008, by adding a member from the short-term rental market, and two members from Countywide Cultural Attraction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Talbot County Code § 24-5 (Membership; Terms; Vacancies), the Talbot County Board of Tourism consists of thirteen (13) voting members, including one member from the County Council, one member each from the Towns of Easton, St. Michaels, and Oxford, and the Tilghman Island District and the Bay Hundred District; one member each from the following tourist industries: bed-and-breakfast, food and beverage, the hotel/motel industry, and the short-term rental market; two members from the Countywide Cultural Attraction; and one member from the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, the Talbot County Board of Tourism voted unanimously to request that Council add an at-large position to the Board to provide the Board with a wider pool of individuals with knowledge of and interest in the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the County Council would need to appoint an at-large member to the Talbot County Board of Tourism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that:

SECTION ONE: that Section 5 of Chapter 24 of the Talbot County Code is hereby amended as follows:

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Boldface.....Heading or defined term

Underlining.....Added to law by Bill

~~Strikethrough~~.....Deleted from law by Bill

* * * ..... Existing law unaffected

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§ 24-5 Membership; terms; vacancies.

A. The Talbot County Board of Tourism shall consist of 13~~12~~ members, all of whom shall be residents of the County, and one member from the County Council. The Board shall annually select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from its membership; and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services. The Council member shall serve for his or her term of office.

B. The appointed members and their successors shall be selected as follows:

(1) One member each from the Town of St. Michaels, the Town of Easton, and the Town of Oxford, and the Tilghman Island District, and the Bay Hundred District;

(2) One at-large member;

(3) One member from each of the following tourist industries: bed-and-breakfast, food and beverage, the hotel/motel industry, and the short-term rental market;

(4) ~~(3)~~ Two Countywide Cultural Attraction members;

(5) ~~(4)~~ One member for the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, as nominated by those respective bodies and appointed by the Council.

C. For the first terms, which shall commence on July 1, 1999, the appointments shall be as follows:

(1) The Town of Easton, the Town of Oxford, and the hotel/motel industry: one year;

(2) The Chamber of Commerce, the Town of St. Michaels, the bed-and-breakfast industry: two years;

(3) The food and beverage industry, the Bay Hundred District, and the Countywide Cultural Attraction members: three years; and

(4) The Tilghman Island District: four years.

D. Thereafter, as each appointment expires, the new appointment shall be for a term of four years or until a successor is appointed, to commence from the first day of July of the year in which it was made.

E. Vacancies occurring prior to expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment for the unexpired term. Existing appointments shall continue for their full current terms, and the one additional at-large member shall serve a partial term until July 1, 2018, and shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a subsequent four-year term.

SECTION SIX: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. _____ having been published, a public hearing was held on at _____ p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

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EFFECTIVE DATE: _____