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Re: AO-07-08

You inquired whether you may engage in secondary employment as a liquor inspector for the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County (the liquor board) while you are employed as the administrative officer to the Anne Arundel County Council. The ethics commission advises that you may engage in this employment. The liquor board, while nominally a county agency, is largely, if not exclusively, regulated by the State of Maryland, through Art. 2B, *Annotated Code of Maryland of 1957* (2005 Repl. Vol.). The Code establishes the number of inspectors, their duties, and their annual rate of compensation. The county council has little if any business with the liquor board and as a staff employee of the council, you are in the same position.

In several other opinions, the ethics commission has advised that county employees may work as inspectors or in other capacities for the liquor board. *See, e.g.,* IO-01-39, IO-05-85, IO-03-32.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

By: _____
Betsy K. Dawson, Executive Director