

Chapter 779

**(House Bill 183)**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission**

**PG 411-18**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain environmental justice issues and other matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That:

- (a) There is a Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.
- (b) The Commission consists of the following members:
  - (1) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County Executive's designee;
  - (2) the chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the chair's designee;
  - (3) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, or the Director's designee;
  - (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee;
  - (5) one representative of an environmental organization that works on environmental justice issues in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the Commission; and
  - (6) two members of the public who reside in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the Commission.
- (c) The chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall designate the chair of the Commission.

(d) The Prince George's County Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) study environmental justice issues in Prince George's County; and

(2) make recommendations regarding:

(i) actions that should be taken to address environmental justice issues in Prince George's County; and

(ii) whether the duration of the Commission should be extended.

(g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.**