

HOUSE BILL 183

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

15 (a) There is a Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

16 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

17 (1) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County
18 Executive's designee;

19 (2) the chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of the
2 Environment, or the Director's designee;

3 (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Permitting,
4 Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee;

5 (5) one representative of an environmental organization that works on
6 environmental justice issues in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the
7 Commission; and

8 (6) two members of the public who reside in Prince George's County,
9 appointed by the chair of the Commission.

10 (c) The chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall designate the
11 chair of the Commission.

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

14 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

18 (f) The Commission shall:

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

20 (2) make recommendations regarding:

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

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

24 (g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Commission shall report its findings and
25 recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation in accordance with §
26 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
28 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
29 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
30 abrogated and of no further force and effect.