

# HOUSE BILL 188

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Wildlife Advisory Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint a member to the Wildlife Advisory  
4 Commission who is an academic researcher with certain expertise; requiring the  
5 membership of the Commission to include representation from certain stakeholder  
6 communities; and generally relating to the Wildlife Advisory Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 1–102(c)(2)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 1–102.

16 (c) (2) (i) **1. [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS**  
17 **SUBPARAGRAPH, THE** Wildlife Advisory Commission is composed of nine members  
18 appointed by the Governor.

19 **2. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER WHO**  
20 **IS AN ACADEMIC RESEARCHER WITH EXPERTISE IN WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, WILDLIFE**  
21 **CONSERVATION, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, OR ECOLOGY.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) 1. The Governor shall solicit nominations for vacancies on  
2 the Wildlife Advisory Commission from individuals or organizations that promote the  
3 future of hunting and individuals or organizations that promote the preservation of wildlife  
4 in the State, with geographical distribution being a prime consideration for filling  
5 vacancies.

6 2. There shall be representation from [the]:

7 A. **THE farming community;**

8 B. **THE HUNTING OR FISHING COMMUNITIES;**

9 C. **THE WILDLIFE PRESERVATION COMMUNITY; AND**

10 D. **THE PASSIVE WILDLIFE RECREATION COMMUNITY.**

11 (iii) The term of a member is 4 years.

12 (iv) A member may not serve more than 2 terms on the Commission.

13 (v) The terms of members are staggered so that:

14 1. 3 shall end in 1987;

15 2. 3 shall end in 1988; and

16 3. 3 shall end in 1989.

17 (vi) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a  
18 successor is appointed and qualifies.

19 (vii) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only  
20 for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2023.