

SENATE BILL 124

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by ~~Senator Hester~~ Senators Hester, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman, Kagan, Lewis Young, M. Washington, and Watson

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Food System Resiliency Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in
4 the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management;
5 *altering the membership of the Council*; altering the process for electing a cochair of
6 the Council; and generally relating to the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 14–1101 and 14–1102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 14–1101.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) “Council” means the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council.

7 (c) [“Director” means the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management
8 Agency.

9 (d)] “Food council organization” means a local food council organization that is
10 established in the State.

11 14–1102.

12 (a) There is a Maryland Food System Resiliency Council **IN THE OFFICE OF**
13 **RESILIENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

14 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

15 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
16 the Senate;

17 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House;

19 (3) the [Director] **SECRETARY**, or the [Director’s] **SECRETARY’S**
20 designee;

21 (4) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

22 (5) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary’s designee;

23 (6) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;

24 (7) the Executive Director of the Maryland Farm Bureau, or the Executive
25 Director’s designee;

26 (8) the Executive Director of the Maryland Agricultural and
27 Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation, or the Executive Director’s designee;

1 (9) the Dean of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and
2 Natural Resources, or the Dean's designee; and

3 (10) the following members appointed by the [Director] **SECRETARY**:

4 (i) five representatives of five different food council organizations
5 who are recommended by members of food council organizations;

6 (ii) one representative of the University of Maryland Extension;

7 (iii) one representative of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore
8 Small Farm Program;

9 (iv) one representative of the Harry R. Hughes Center for
10 Agro-Ecology;

11 (v) one representative of a public school system in the State who has
12 experience in food security and local food procurement;

13 (vi) one representative of a statewide food security advocacy
14 organization;

15 (vii) one farmer in the State;

16 (viii) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY**;

17 **(IX)** one owner of a food business in the State;

18 ~~(ix)~~ **(X)** one expert in food system policy;

19 ~~(x)~~ **(XI)** one expert on racial equity in the food system;

20 ~~(xi)~~ **(XII)** one expert on food system impacts on climate and the
21 environment;

22 ~~(xii)~~ **(XIII)** one expert on food nutrition and public health; and

23 ~~(xiii)~~ **(XIV)** any other individual that the [Director] **SECRETARY**
24 deems appropriate.

25 (c) The [Director] **SECRETARY** shall:

26 (1) ensure that all five geographic areas of the State are represented by the
27 appointed members of the Council; and

28 (2) appoint a successor in the event of a vacancy on the Council.

1 (d) (1) (i) The term of a member of the Council appointed by the [Director]
2 **SECRETARY** is 3 years.

3 (ii) An appointed member may not serve for more than 2 consecutive
4 three year terms.

5 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
6 appointed and qualifies.

7 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun shall serve for the
8 rest of the term or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

9 (e) A member of the Council:

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

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

13 (f) A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.

14 (g) (1) (i) The [Director] **SECRETARY**, or the [Director's] **SECRETARY'S**
15 designee, and one member [representing a food council organization] who is elected in
16 accordance with subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph shall cochair the Council.

17 (ii) At the first meeting of each year, the Council shall elect a cochair
18 from among the [five] Council members [representing food council organizations] for a
19 term of 1 year.

20 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee, the Secretary
21 of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee, and the Dean of the University of Maryland
22 College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or the Dean's designee shall co-vice chair
23 the Council.

24 (h) (1) The Council may establish subcommittees to provide technical
25 assistance to the Council.

26 (2) The Council may establish subcommittee topics and membership as the
27 Council deems appropriate.

28 (i) The [Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the University of
29 Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources] **DEPARTMENT** shall provide staff
30 for the Council[, as deemed necessary by the cochairs].

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.