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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland – Sunset**  
3 **Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date on which a certain report by the Commission to  
5 Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland is due; extending the termination  
6 date of the Commission; clarifying language; and generally relating to the  
7 Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Chapter 553 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008  
10 Section 1 and 2

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

### 13 **Chapter 553 of the Acts of 2008**

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

16 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland.

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

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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 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
2 President of the Senate;

3 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
4 of the House;

5 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
6 Secretary's designee;

7 (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
8 designee;

9 (5) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the  
11 Secretary's designee;

12 (7) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning;

13 (8) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

14 (9) a representative of the Maryland State Bar Association  
15 Immigration Section; and

16 (10) eight members, appointed by the Governor, with at least:

17 (i) two members from the business community;

18 (ii) two members with expertise on immigration-related issues;  
19 and

20 (iii) two members with expertise on education issues.

21 (c) To the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Commission  
22 shall reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of  
23 the State.

24 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

25 (e) The University of Maryland, College Park shall provide staff for the  
26 Commission, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, the  
27 Department of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Governor.

28 (f) A member of the Commission:

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

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

3 (g) The Commission shall study:

4 (1) the demographic profile **OF THE STATE'S IMMIGRANT**  
5 **POPULATION** and **THE** impact of immigrants on the State, including:

6 (i) the growth rate of the immigrant population in the State;

7 (ii) the national origins of the State's immigrant population;

8 (iii) the geographic areas of the State where immigrants reside;

9 (iv) the size and age distribution of the State's immigrant  
10 population, including both documented and undocumented immigrants;

11 (v) whether the State's immigrant population is similar to the  
12 typical demographic profile of an immigrant population in the United States;

13 (vi) the impact of the State immigrant population on population  
14 growth and birth rates;

15 (vii) the impact of the State immigrant population on the student  
16 population growth rate in the State's public schools;

17 (viii) the impact, growth rate, and participation rate of the State  
18 immigrant population relative to the State's workforce; and

19 (ix) the socioeconomic profile of the State's immigrant  
20 population; and

21 (2) the economic and fiscal impact of immigrants on the State,  
22 including:

23 (i) the impact of immigrant contributions to Maryland's  
24 economy and tax base;

25 (ii) the impact of consumer spending by immigrants on the  
26 economies of the State, State metropolitan areas, and individual counties;

27 (iii) the major public services costs incurred by the State as a  
28 result of immigrants, including spending on K-12 public education, higher education,  
29 health services delivery, public safety, and corrections;

30 (iv) the direct and indirect tax contributions of immigrants to  
31 the State;

- 1 (v) the net benefit or cost of immigrants on the State budget;
- 2 (vi) the importance of immigrants to the State's economic  
3 output;
- 4 (vii) the potential for local businesses to generate more revenue  
5 as a result of immigrant workforce availability and local spending by immigrants;
- 6 (viii) the projected economic impact of immigrants in the State as  
7 it evolves in the future;
- 8 (ix) the constraints faced by immigrants and immigrant-owned  
9 businesses in the State; and
- 10 (x) how business and trade with immigrants' countries of origin  
11 can be expanded to benefit the State.

12 (h) The Commission shall **SUBMIT A FINAL** report **OF** its findings and  
13 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
14 Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before January 1, [2011] **2012**.

15 (i) To the extent possible, for each of the items of study included in this Act,  
16 the report of the Commission shall make the distinction between persons who are in  
17 lawful immigration status and those who are not in lawful immigration status.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] 4 years and, at the end of  
20 May 31, [2011] **2012**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
21 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.