

Chapter 498

(Senate Bill 405)

AN ACT concerning

Life Sciences Advisory Board – Purpose and Membership

FOR the purpose of establishing the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in the Department of Business and Economic Development; altering the membership of the Advisory Board; and generally relating to the Life Sciences Advisory Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 3–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 3–202 and 3–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

3–201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Advisory Board” means the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board.
- (c) “Life sciences” includes the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biomedical technologies, life systems technologies, food sciences, environmental sciences, and biomedical devices.

3–202.

- (A) There is a Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board in the Department.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD IS TO RECOMMEND STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PRACTICES, AND LEGISLATION TO EXPEDITE THE CREATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS THROUGH THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH.

3-203.

(a) The Advisory Board consists of the following [15] **18** members:

(1) the Secretary;

(2) a representative of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, designated by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; and

(3) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) three representing federal agencies located in the State with life sciences missions;

(ii) [four] **SEVEN** with executive experience in life sciences businesses located in the State, **AT LEAST FOUR OF WHOM REPRESENT SMALL BUSINESSES**;

(iii) four representing institutions of higher education located in the State, one of whom shall represent a community college;

(iv) one with general business marketing experience in a life sciences business located in the State; and

(v) one member of the general public.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.