

# HOUSE BILL 593

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By: **Delegates M. Washington, Hettleman, Krimm, Lierman, and McKay**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness;  
4 increasing the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the  
5 State engaged in homeless advocacy; altering the method of selecting and  
6 qualifications of the chair of the Council; stating the intent of the General Assembly  
7 that certain designees have certain decision making authority under certain  
8 circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Interagency  
9 Council on Homelessness.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Human Services  
12 Section 6–418  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Human Services  
17 Section 6–419 and 6–420  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

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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.



**Article – Human Services**

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2 6–418.

3       There is an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

4 6–419.

5       (a)    The Council consists of the following members:

6           (1)   the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

7           (2)   the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

8           (3)   the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary’s  
9 designee;

10          (4)   the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
11 Secretary’s designee;

12          (5)   the Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;

13          (6)   the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary’s  
14 designee;

15          (7)   the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the  
16 Secretary’s designee;

17          (8)   the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s  
18 designee;

19          (9)   the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee;

20          (10)  the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary’s designee;

21          (11)  the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary’s designee; ~~and~~

22               **(12) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY’S**  
23 **DESIGNEE; AND**

24               ~~(12)~~ **(13)** the following members, appointed by the Governor:

25           (i)    one representative of the Governor’s Office for Children;

26           (ii)  three representatives of local Continuums of Care;

1 (iii) [six] NINE representatives from diverse geographical regions of  
2 the State engaged in homeless advocacy with a focus on housing, employment, and access  
3 to [healthcare] HEALTH CARE; and

4 (iv) one community representative who has personally experienced  
5 homelessness.

6 (b) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

7 6-420.

8 (a) [From among its members, the Council shall elect a chair] THE GOVERNOR  
9 SHALL DESIGNATE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL A MEMBER WHO IS A SECRETARY OR  
10 A SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE WITH DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY ON ISSUES THAT  
11 RELATE TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

12 [(b) After the election of the first chair, a candidate for chair must be a member of  
13 the Council who attended at least a majority of the Council's meetings during the year  
14 immediately preceding the election.]

15 [(c) (B) The term of the chair is 2 years.

16 [(d) (C) The chair may not serve consecutive terms.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
18 Assembly that a Secretary's or State Superintendent's designee on the Interagency Council  
19 on Homelessness have decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the  
20 Council.

21 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.