

# HOUSE BILL 183

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission**

3 **PG 411-18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Environmental Justice  
5 Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission;  
6 prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but  
7 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to  
8 study and make recommendations regarding certain environmental justice issues  
9 and other matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and  
10 recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation on or before a  
11 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
12 Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

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

15 (a) There is a Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

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

17 (1) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County  
18 Executive's designee;

19 (2) the chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the chair's designee;

20 (3) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of the  
21 Environment, or the Director's designee;

22 (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Permitting,  
23 Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (5) one representative of an environmental organization that works on  
2 environmental justice issues in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the  
3 Commission; and

4           (6) two members of the public who reside in Prince George's County,  
5 appointed by the chair of the Commission.

6           (c) The chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall designate the  
7 chair of the Commission.

8           (d) The Prince George's County Department of the Environment shall provide  
9 staff for the Commission.

10          (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

14          (f) The Commission shall:

15           (1) study environmental justice issues in Prince George's County; and

16           (2) make recommendations regarding:

17           (i) actions that should be taken to address environmental justice  
18 issues in Prince George's County; and

19           (ii) whether the duration of the Commission should be extended.

20          (g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Commission shall report its findings and  
21 recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation in accordance with §  
22 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

23          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
24 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
25 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.