

HOUSE BILL 236

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

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Affordable Housing Commission**

3 **PG 408–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's
5 County; 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 review certain procedures and practices and use certain information to examine the
9 state of affordable housing in the county; requiring the Commission to report its
10 findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before a certain date;
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Affordable
12 Housing Commission for Prince George's County.

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

15 (a) There is an Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County.

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

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the

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 House;

2 (3) the chair of the Housing Authority of Prince George's County or the
3 chair's designee; and

4 (4) the following members, appointed by the County Executive:

5 (i) two representatives of the housing industry, including
6 representatives of the Home Builders Association of Maryland and the Maryland
7 Association of Realtors;

8 (ii) two representatives of banking or lending institutions;

9 (iii) two representatives of rental property owner organizations;

10 (iv) two representatives of affordable housing programs of
11 municipalities in the county; and

12 (v) four members of the public.

13 (c) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Commission.

14 (d) The County Department of Housing and Community Development shall
15 provide staff for the Commission.

16 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

20 (f) The Commission shall:

21 (1) review the procedures and practices currently used in the county
22 administration of housing and community development policies;

23 (2) use existing studies, reports, and census data to examine the state of
24 affordable housing in the county, including:

25 (i) the need for the preservation and production of rental housing,
26 special needs housing, transitional housing, and shelters for the homeless;

27 (ii) homeownership opportunities;

28 (iii) possible barriers to the creation of affordable housing, including
29 economic factors, local government regulations and procedures, and community

1 perceptions;

2 (iv) successful State and national housing initiatives;

3 (v) challenges facing healthy, at-risk, distressed, and blighted
4 communities; and

5 (vi) the impact of housing choice vouchers and other forms of housing
6 assistance; and

7 (3) examine industry trends in the location, production, and rehabilitation
8 of single-family and multifamily housing.

9 (g) On or before January 1, 2019, the Commission shall report its findings and
10 recommendations to the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation to the
11 General Assembly, the members of the Prince George’s County House delegation to the
12 General Assembly, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
13 Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this
16 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
17 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.