

HOUSE BILL 236

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

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

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
20 House;

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) two representatives of the housing industry, including
2 representatives of the Home Builders Association of Maryland and the Maryland
3 Association of Realtors;

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

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

6 (iv) two representatives of affordable housing programs of
7 municipalities in the county; and

8 (v) four members of the public.

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

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

12 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

16 (f) The Commission shall:

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

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

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

23 (ii) homeownership opportunities;

24 (iii) possible barriers to the creation of affordable housing, including
25 economic factors, local government regulations and procedures, and community
26 perceptions;

27 (iv) successful State and national housing initiatives;

28 (v) challenges facing healthy, at-risk, distressed, and blighted
29 communities; and

1 (vi) the impact of housing choice vouchers and other forms of housing
2 assistance; and

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

5 (g) On or before January 1, 2019, the Commission shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the members of the Prince George's County Senate delegation to the
7 General Assembly, the members of the Prince George's County House delegation to the
8 General Assembly, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
9 Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this
12 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
13 further force and effect.