

HOUSE BILL 1362

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

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2019

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission – Alterations and**
3 **Extension**

4 **PG 421–19**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Prince George's County Environmental
6 Justice Commission to include the Prince George's County State's Attorney or the
7 State's Attorney's designee; altering the date by which the Commission is required
8 to report certain findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House
9 Delegation; extending the termination date of the Commission; and generally
10 relating to the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Chapter 779 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
13 Section 1 and 2

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

16 **Chapter 779 of the Acts of 2018**

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That:

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

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

21 (1) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County
22 Executive's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (3) **THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR THE**
3 **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE;**

4 [(3)] (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of the
5 Environment, or the Director's designee;

6 [(4)] (5) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of
7 Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee;

8 [(5)] (6) one representative of an environmental organization that works
9 on environmental justice issues in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the
10 Commission; and

11 [(6)] (7) two members of the public who reside in Prince George's County,
12 appointed by the chair of the Commission.

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

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

17 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

21 (f) The Commission shall:

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

23 (2) make recommendations regarding:

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

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

27 (g) On or before December 31, [2018] **2019**, the Commission shall report its
28 findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation in
29 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and 1 month and, at the
3 end of June 30, [2019] **2020**, this Act, with no further action required by the General
4 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
6 1, 2019.