

Chapter 352

(House Bill 1362)

AN ACT concerning

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

PG 421-19

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

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

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

Chapter 779 of the Acts of 2018

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

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

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

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

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

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

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

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

(6) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/DISEASE CONTROL DIVISION, APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION;

(8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OPERATING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, DESIGNATED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;

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

[(6)] ~~(7)~~ **(10)** two members of the public who reside in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of the Commission.

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

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

(e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

(f) The Commission shall:

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

(2) make recommendations regarding:

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.