

# HOUSE BILL 232

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By: **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Agricultural Commission – Hemp Industry Member**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission by  
4 requiring the Governor to appoint a member from a list of a certain number of  
5 nominees representing the hemp industry; and generally relating to the Maryland  
6 Agricultural Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Agriculture

9 Section 2–203(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Agriculture**

15 2–203.

16 (a) The Commission has [30] **31** members. One member is ex officio and is the  
17 principal administrative official for agricultural affairs at the University System of  
18 Maryland as designated by the Chancellor of the University. The Governor appoints the  
19 remaining [29] **30** members as follows:

20 (1) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the dairy  
21 industry;

22 (2) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the poultry

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 industry;
- 2 (3) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the livestock  
3 industry;
- 4 (4) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the tobacco  
5 industry;
- 6 (5) Two from a list of at least four nominees representing the nursery  
7 industry;
- 8 (6) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the horticulture  
9 industry;
- 10 (7) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the field crops  
11 industry;
- 12 (8) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the vegetable  
13 industry;
- 14 (9) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the veterinary  
15 profession;
- 16 (10) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland State Grange;
- 17 (11) One from a list of at least two nominees of the Maryland Farm Bureau;
- 18 (12) Two without nomination appointed at large from services related to  
19 agriculture;
- 20 (13) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the turf industry;
- 21 (14) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the  
22 horse-breeding industry;
- 23 (15) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the food  
24 processing industry;
- 25 (16) One without nomination appointed at large from the general public to  
26 be the consumer member;
- 27 (17) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the organic  
28 farming industry;
- 29 (18) One from a list of at least two nominees representing direct farm  
30 marketing;

1 (19) One from a list of at least two nominees representing viticulture;

2 (20) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agriculture  
3 education in primary or secondary schools;

4 (21) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri-business;

5 (22) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the forestry  
6 industry;

7 (23) One from a list of at least two nominees representing the aquaculture  
8 industry;

9 (24) One from a list of at least two nominees representing agri-tourism;  
10 [and]

11 (25) One from a list of two nominees representing the biofuel industry; AND

12 (26) ONE FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST TWO NOMINEES REPRESENTING  
13 THE HEMP INDUSTRY.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2021.