

Chapter 477

(House Bill 323)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Commission on Climate Change Membership – Addition

FOR the purpose of adding the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's designee, and the Chair of the Public Service Commission, or the Chair's designee, as ~~a member~~ members of the Commission on Climate Change; and generally relating to the membership of the Commission on Climate Change.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 2–1301(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 2–1302(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

2–1301.

(a) There is a Commission on Climate Change in the Department to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change.

2–1302.

(a) The Commission's membership shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) The State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;

- (4) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;
- (8) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
- (9) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (10) The Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(11) THE SECRETARY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

~~(11)~~ **(12)** The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's designee;

~~(12)~~ **(13)** The People's Counsel, or the People's Counsel's designee;

~~(13)~~ **(14)** The President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, or the President's designee;

~~(14)~~ **(15)** The Chair of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays, or the Chair's designee;

~~(15)~~ **(16) THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;**

[(15)] ~~(16)~~ **(17)** One member appointed by the Farm Bureau representing the agriculture community;

[(16)] ~~(17)~~ **(18)** One member appointed by the Maryland Association of Counties and one member appointed by the Maryland Municipal League to represent local governments;

[(17)] ~~(18)~~ **(19)** One member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to represent the business community;

[(18)] ~~(19)~~ (20) One member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to represent environmental nonprofit organizations;

[(19)] ~~(20)~~ (21) One member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent organized labor, one of whom shall represent the building or construction trades and one of whom shall represent the manufacturing industry;

[(20)] ~~(21)~~ (22) One member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent philanthropic organizations;

[(21)] ~~(22)~~ (23) One climate change expert appointed by the Governor representing a university located in Maryland; and

[(22)] ~~(23)~~ (24) One public health expert appointed by the Governor representing a university located in Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.