

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 402 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental - Housing and Community Development)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs Referred to Economic Matters

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**Maryland Housing Policy Commission - Repeal**

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This amended departmental bill repeals the 15-member Maryland Housing Policy Commission, which assists the Secretary of Housing and Community Development in identifying opportunities to increase the housing supply for individuals of low and moderate income and to increase opportunities for the home ownership of those individuals. The bill replaces a representative of the Maryland Housing Policy Commission on the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust with an additional representative of the general public. The bill also replaces a representative of the Maryland Low Income Housing Coalition on the board with a representative of the Maryland Center for Community Development.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Since members served without compensation and staff support was provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development, there would be no reduction in expenditures associated with the elimination of the Maryland Housing Policy Commission. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

**Additional Comments:** A new advisory group has been appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a broader perspective, including housing, revitalization, historic preservation, and customer service.

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