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By: **Senator Jimeno**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Advisory Council to the Center for the Study of the Health Effects of Fire**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the appointments of members of  
4 the Advisory Council to the Center for the Study of the Health Effects of Fire are  
5 subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; and providing for  
6 the effective date of this Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Health - General  
9 Section 18-707  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 18-707.

16 (a) (1) The Advisory Council consists of 7 members.

17 (2) (i) The Secretary shall appoint the members [with the advice and  
18 consent of the Senate,] from a list submitted to the Secretary by:

19 1. Appropriate academic or research facilities having  
20 expertise in this area;

21 2. The Chief Medical Examiner; and

22 3. The Secretary of the Department of the Environment.

23 (ii) The number of names on the list shall be 3 times the number of  
24 vacancies.

1 (b) Each member shall be an individual with demonstrated scientific and  
2 technical expertise in the field of toxicology, epidemiology, or occupational medicine.

3 (c) (1) The term of a member is 5 years.

4 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms  
5 provided for members of the Council on July 1, 1988.

6 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is  
7 appointed and qualifies.

8 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
9 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

10 (d) The Secretary may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 June 1, 2001.