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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Kidney Disease Program Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Kidney Disease Program Advisory  
4 Committee in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the  
5 membership of the Committee; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental  
6 Hygiene to designate the chairman of the Committee; requiring the Department  
7 to provide staff for the Committee; providing for the duties of the Committee;  
8 requiring the Committee to submit a certain report to the Governor and the  
9 General Assembly on or before a certain date of each year; and generally  
10 relating to the Maryland Kidney Disease Program Advisory Committee.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article - Health - General  
13 Section 13-302(a), (b), (e), and (f)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article - Health - General  
18 Section 13-317  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Health - General**

24 13-302.

25 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (b) "Commission" means the State Commission on Kidney Disease.

27 (e) "Program" means the Kidney Disease Program.

1 (f) "Recipient" means an individual with chronic kidney disease who has been  
2 certified to receive benefits under the Kidney Disease Program.

3 13-317.

4 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM ADVISORY  
5 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

6 (B) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

7 (1) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION;

8 (2) SIX CURRENT OR FORMER RECIPIENTS OR THE PARENTS OR  
9 GUARDIANS OF CURRENT OR FORMER RECIPIENTS;

10 (3) THREE TRANSPLANT CENTER REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING:

11 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
12 TRANSPLANT CENTER;

13 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE JOHNS HOPKINS  
14 TRANSPLANT CENTER; AND

15 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE WASHINGTON HOSPITAL  
16 TRANSPLANT CENTER;

17 (4) TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND PATIENT ADVOCACY GROUP;

18 (5) ONE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION MARYLAND  
19 CHAPTER;

20 (6) ONE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION DISTRICT OF  
21 COLUMBIA CHAPTER;

22 (7) ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF NEPHROLOGY SOCIAL WORKERS;

23 (8) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND RENAL ADMINISTRATORS  
24 ASSOCIATION;

25 (9) ONE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF  
26 MARYLAND'S COUNCIL ON RENAL FAILURE;

27 (10) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

29 (11) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY  
30 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

31 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY  
32 COMMITTEE.

1 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY  
2 COMMITTEE.

3 (E) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECEIVE  
4 COMPENSATION FOR SERVING ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO  
5 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL  
6 REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

7 (F) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL:

8 (1) ADVISE THE SECRETARY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION,  
9 AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE PROGRAM MEETS THE NEEDS  
10 OF RECIPIENTS;

11 (2) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REGULATIONS  
12 REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS OF THE PROGRAM TO ASCERTAIN THE  
13 CLIENT'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH ITS REQUIREMENTS;

14 (3) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROGRAM  
15 MATERIAL TO ENSURE THAT THE MATERIAL REFLECTS THE LITERARY LEVEL OF THE  
16 TARGET POPULATION;

17 (4) COLLECT CONTACT DATA TO MONITOR THE PROGRAM'S  
18 INTERACTION WITH RECIPIENTS;

19 (5) REVIEW DATA COLLECTED BY THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE IT  
20 ACCURATELY REPRESENTS RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;

21 (6) PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF PROGRAM INFORMATION; AND

22 (7) ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
23 THE PROGRAM.

24 (G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
25 SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND,  
26 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2002.