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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Commission on Kidney Disease - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Commission on Kidney
4 Disease; and generally relating to the State Commission on Kidney Disease.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Health - General
7 Section 13-305
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Health - General**

13 13-305.

14 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor.

15 (2) Of the 12 Commission members:

16 (i) 1 shall be an individual from the Renal Administrators
17 Association;

18 (ii) [4] 3 shall be individuals who are laypersons to the field of
19 medicine;

20 (iii) 3 shall be individuals appointed at the discretion of the
21 Governor who:

22 1. Are medical specialists or other patient care providers in
23 nephrology or kidney transplants; and

24 2. Do not have any direct ownership in renal dialysis or
25 kidney transplant centers that do business in the State; [and]

1 (iv) 4 shall be individuals appointed as provided in paragraph (3) of
2 this subsection; AND

3 (V) 1 SHALL BE A RENAL SOCIAL WORKER NOMINATED BY THE
4 MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF NEPHROLOGY SOCIAL WORKERS OR THE
5 NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF NEPHROLOGY SOCIAL
6 WORKERS.

7 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the
8 Governor shall appoint 1 member from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor
9 by each of the following organizations:

- 10 1. The Kidney Foundation of Maryland;
- 11 2. The faculty of the University of Maryland School of
12 Medicine;
- 13 3. The faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of
14 Medicine; and
- 15 4. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of
16 Maryland.

17 (ii) The number of names on a list shall be at least 3.

18 (iii) An organization shall submit its list at least 3 months before
19 the expiration of the term of the member who represents the organization.

20 (iv) If a list is not submitted to the Governor as required under
21 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph or if a vacancy occurs for a reason other than
22 expiration of the term, the Governor may appoint any individual without the list.

23 (b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

24 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
25 provided for members of the Commission on July 1, 1982. The terms of one fourth of
26 those members end each year.

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

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

31 (5) A member who serves 2 consecutive full 4-year terms may not be
32 reappointed for 4 years after completion of those terms.

33 (6) (i) If a vacancy occurs, the Governor promptly shall appoint a
34 successor who will serve until the term expires.

35 (ii) The successor may be reappointed for a full term.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2005.