

---

By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2005

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

Re-referred to: Health and Government Operations, March 14, 2005

---

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 24, 2005

---

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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;

1 (iii) 3 shall be individuals appointed at the discretion of the  
2 Governor who:

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

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

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

9 (V) 1 SHALL BE A RENAL SOCIAL WORKER NOMINATED BY THE  
10 MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF NEPHROLOGY SOCIAL WORKERS OR THE  
11 NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF NEPHROLOGY SOCIAL  
12 WORKERS.

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

16 1. The Kidney Foundation of Maryland;

17 2. The faculty of the University of Maryland School of  
18 Medicine;

19 3. The faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of  
20 Medicine; and

21 4. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of  
22 Maryland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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