
By: **Senator Lawlah**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on the Maryland Memorial to Victims of September 11, 2001,**
3 **and the War Against Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Maryland Memorial to
5 Victims of September 11, 2001, and the War Against Terrorism and Associated
6 Visitors' Center and Museum; providing for the membership and staffing of the
7 Commission; requiring the Commission to perform certain duties and submit a
8 certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
9 date; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving certain
10 compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing
11 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the
12 Maryland Memorial to Victims of September 11, 2001, and the War Against
13 Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and Museum.

14 **Preamble**

15 WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and
16 the Pentagon in Virginia claimed thousands of lives in an undeclared war on the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, A significant number of the victims of the attack on the Pentagon
19 were residents of Maryland and many of those were residents of Southern Maryland
20 at the time of their deaths; and

21 WHEREAS, Additional civilian and military casualties of the ongoing war on
22 terrorism deserve recognition for their supreme sacrifice in the defense of their
23 country; and

24 WHEREAS, A memorial to the Maryland victims of terrorism should be of
25 sufficient importance, stature, and quality to serve as a reminder to generations to
26 come of the price of freedom and as an expression of remembrance of those on whom
27 the costs of freedom rest; now, therefore,

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 MARYLAND, That:

1 (a) There is a Commission on the Maryland Memorial to Victims of September
2 11, 2001, and the War Against Terrorism and Associated Visitors' Center and
3 Museum.

4 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

5 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
6 of the Senate;

7 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
8 the House;

9 (3) the Executive Director of the Maryland Historical Society, or the
10 Executive Director's designee;

11 (4) the Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs in
12 the Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Director's designee;

13 (5) the Director of the Maryland Office of Tourism Development in the
14 Department of Business and Economic Development, or the Director's designee;

15 (6) one representative of the State Highway Administration, appointed
16 by the deputy Secretary of Transportation;

17 (7) one representative of the Governor's Commission on Maryland
18 Military Monuments, appointed by the Secretary of State;

19 (8) one representative of the Ad Hoc Committee for a Prince George's
20 County Monument to the Victims of the September 11 Attack, appointed by the chair
21 of the Committee;

22 (9) one representative of the Prince George's County Historical Society,
23 appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society;

24 (10) one representative of the Council of the Town of Forest Heights,
25 appointed by the Mayor of Forest Heights;

26 (11) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the
27 chair of the County Council; and

28 (12) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

29 (i) three representatives of veterans' organizations;

30 (ii) three representatives of local civic organizations; and

31 (iii) three representatives of the general public who have experience
32 or knowledge regarding:

33 1. soliciting support for a building project;

- 1 2. fund-raising;
- 2 3. conducting a design search for a building project;
- 3 4. contracting for a building project;
- 4 5. overseeing a building project;
- 5 6. tourism promotion;
- 6 7. Maryland history; or
- 7 8. Southern Prince George's County history.

8 (c) The Commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair of the Commission at
9 its first meeting.

10 (d) The State and county agencies represented on the Commission shall
11 provide staff for the Commission.

12 (e) A member of the Commission:

13 (1) may not receive compensation; but

14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
15 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) (1) The Commission shall oversee the development and construction of a
17 memorial located in Southern Prince George's County to the Maryland victims of
18 September 11, 2001, and the subsequent victims of the war against terrorism. The
19 memorial shall include a visitors' center and a museum that focuses on Maryland
20 history and specifically addresses Southern Prince George's County history.

21 (2) The duties of the Commission shall include:

22 (i) determining a location;

23 (ii) conducting a design search and selecting a design;

24 (iii) soliciting suggestions and support;

25 (iv) developing fundraising strategies, raising funds, and disbursing
26 funds as needed;

27 (v) contracting to build the facilities;

28 (vi) overseeing the building of the facilities; and

29 (vii) selecting an organization to oversee the administration of the
30 completed facilities.

1 (g) The Commission shall submit a report on the progress made on the
2 development and the construction of the memorial, visitors' center, and museum to
3 the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
4 Assembly on or before:

5 (1) January 1, 2006; and

6 (2) each subsequent January 1.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
9 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.