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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1416

(Delegate Nathan-Pulliam)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

State Commission on Kidney Disease - Membership

This bill alters the composition of the State Commission on Kidney Disease by reducing, from four to three, the members who are laypersons to the field of medicine. It adds to the commission one renal social worker nominated by the Maryland Chapter of the Council of Nephrology Social Workers or the National Capital Area Chapter of the Council of Nephrology Social Workers.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The 12-member State Commission on Kidney Disease is appointed by the Governor. Of the 12 members: (1) one is an individual from the Renal Administrators Association; (2) four are laypersons to the field of medicine; (3) three are individuals appointed by the Governor who are medical specialists or other patient care providers in nephrology or kidney transplants and who do not have any direct ownership in renal dialysis or kidney transplant centers that do business in Maryland; and (4) four are individuals appointed by the Governor, one person each from the Kidney Foundation of Maryland, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the faculty of

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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