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By: **Delegate Moe**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statewide Blue Ribbon Commission on Base Realignment and Closures**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Statewide Blue Ribbon Commission to study and  
4 make recommendations regarding certain local impacts related to base  
5 realignment and closures as announced by the United States Department of  
6 Defense; providing for the membership of the Commission; requiring the  
7 Governor to designate a chair of the Commission; providing for the staffing of  
8 the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving  
9 certain compensation, but authorizing a member of the Commission to receive  
10 certain reimbursements; requiring the Commission to report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; providing for the  
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Statewide Blue Ribbon  
13 Commission on Base Realignment and Closures.

14 BY adding to

15 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
16 Section 6-901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Statewide Blue Ribbon  
17 Commission on Base Realignment and Closures"  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

23 **SUBTITLE 9. STATEWIDE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND**  
24 **CLOSURES.**

25 6-901.

26 (A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
27 INDICATED.

1 (2) "BRAC" MEANS THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS AS  
2 ANNOUNCED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

3 (3) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE STATEWIDE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION  
4 ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES.

5 (B) (1) THERE IS A STATEWIDE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON BASE  
6 REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES.

7 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
8 REGARDING THE IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF BASE REALIGNMENT AND  
9 CLOSURES, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO A SIGNIFICANT INFLUX OF  
10 INDIVIDUALS INTO COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE, INCLUDING ANNE ARUNDEL,  
11 HARFORD, MONTGOMERY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

12 (C) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 27 MEMBERS:

13 (1) 5 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
14 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

15 (2) 5 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,  
16 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

17 (3) 15 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TO INCLUDE:

18 (I) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
19 OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

20 (II) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
21 DEVELOPMENT, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

22 (III) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE  
23 SECRETARY;

24 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A DESIGNEE OF  
25 THE SECRETARY;

26 (V) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE  
27 SECRETARY;

28 (VI) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE ADJUTANT  
29 GENERAL;

30 (VII) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR A DESIGNEE OF  
31 THE SUPERINTENDENT;

32 (VIII) 2 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WITH DEMONSTRATED  
33 KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTEREST IN THE VIABILITY OF THE IMPACTED REGIONS; AND

34 (IX) 6 MEMBERS REPRESENTING BRAC IMPACTED REGIONS TO  
35 INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER REGIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION, FORT

1 MEADE, THE CITY OF LAUREL, THE ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, PATUXENT RIVER  
2 NAVAL AIR STATION, AND NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER REGIONS, WHERE  
3 THESE MEMBERS ARE SELECTED FROM RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY LOCAL  
4 GOVERNMENTS IN THE IMPACTED REGIONS.

5 (4) 1 MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION,  
6 SELECTED BY THE DELEGATION; AND

7 (5) 1 MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND MILITARY INSTALLATION  
8 STRATEGIC PLANNING COUNCIL, SELECTED BY THE COUNCIL.

9 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

10 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL STAFF THE  
11 COMMISSION.

12 (F) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO:

13 (1) CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE LOCAL IMPACT OF BRAC ON  
14 GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL SYSTEMS, PUBLIC SAFETY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
15 INITIATIVES, PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION, HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH REGARD TO IMPENDING  
17 POPULATION INCREASES DUE TO BRAC; AND

18 (2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MEASURES NECESSARY  
19 TO PREPARE FOR THESE IMPACTS.

20 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

21 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR SERVING ON THE  
22 COMMISSION; BUT

23 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
24 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

25 (H) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY REQUEST LIAISONS FROM THE CHAMBERS  
26 OF COMMERCE IN THE IMPACTED REGIONS, THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE,  
27 THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION THE  
28 COMMISSION MAY DEEM HELPFUL IN CARRYING OUT ITS MISSION.

29 (2) A LIAISON SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE ORGANIZATION BEING  
30 REPRESENTED.

31 (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

32 (1) MEET 3 TIMES EACH YEAR; AND

33 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, AND ON OR BEFORE  
34 DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND MAKE  
35 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
36 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 9 months and, at  
3 the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.