

HOUSE BILL 135

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates Barve, Busch, Feldman, Haynes, N. King, Lawton, and Morhaim**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board in the
4 Department of Business and Economic Development; providing for the
5 membership, terms, and chair of the Advisory Board; providing for the duties of
6 the Advisory Board; requiring certain reports by the Advisory Board; and
7 generally relating to the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development
10 Section 5–2C–01 through 5–2C–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2C.
11 Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board”
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development**

17 **SUBTITLE 2C. MARYLAND LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD.**

18 **5–2C–01.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (B) “ADVISORY BOARD” MEANS THE MARYLAND LIFE SCIENCES
4 ADVISORY BOARD.

5 (C) “LIFE SCIENCES” INCLUDES THE FIELDS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY,
6 PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES, LIFE SYSTEMS
7 TECHNOLOGIES, FOOD SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, AND
8 BIOMEDICAL DEVICES.

9 **5-2C-02.**

10 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD IN THE
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 (B) (1) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF 15 INDIVIDUALS,
13 ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE THE SECRETARY.

14 (2) THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL
15 BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

16 (C) OF THE 14 APPOINTED MEMBERS:

17 (1) THREE SHALL REPRESENT FEDERAL AGENCIES LOCATED IN
18 THE STATE WITH LIFE SCIENCES MISSIONS;

19 (2) FOUR SHALL HAVE EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE IN LIFE
20 SCIENCES BUSINESSES;

21 (3) FOUR SHALL REPRESENT COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES; AND

22 (4) THREE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

23 (D) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE
24 COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, BUT IS ENTITLED TO
25 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL
26 REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

1 **(E) (1) EXCEPT FOR THE SECRETARY, THE TERM OF AN ADVISORY**
2 **BOARD MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.**

3 **(2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE**
4 **UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

5 **(3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN**
6 **SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS**
7 **APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

8 **(F) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR**
9 **INCOMPETENCE, MISCONDUCT, OR FAILURE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE**
10 **POSITION.**

11 **(G) A CHAIR SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM AMONG**
12 **THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.**

13 **(H) THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY ACT WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF**
14 **EIGHT MEMBERS.**

15 **(I) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN:**

16 **(1) DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE STATE STRATEGIC PLAN**
17 **FOR LIFE SCIENCES;**

18 **(2) PROMOTING LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,**
19 **COMMERCIALIZATION, AND MANUFACTURING IN THE STATE;**

20 **(3) PROMOTING COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION AMONG**
21 **LIFE SCIENCES ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE;**

22 **(4) DEVELOPING A STRATEGY TO COORDINATE STATE AND**
23 **FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ATTRACT PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND JOB**
24 **CREATION IN THE LIFE SCIENCES;**

25 **(5) DEVELOPING A STRATEGY TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LIFE**
26 **SCIENCES FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE STATE, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR**
27 **EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDS;**
28 **AND**

1 **(6) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL NEEDS**
2 **IN THE LIFE SCIENCES, INCLUDING ACCESS TO VENTURE CAPITAL AND CAPITAL**
3 **CONSTRUCTION FUNDING.**

4 **5-2C-03.**

5 **(A) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
6 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE**
7 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR.**

8 **(B) THE REPORT SHALL SET FORTH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM**
9 **THE ADVISORY BOARD AND SUMMARIZE THE ADVISORY BOARD'S ACTIVITIES**
10 **DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2007.