

# HOUSE BILL 631

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Natural Resources – Park Advisory Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Park Advisory Commission in  
4 the Department of Natural Resources; repealing certain obsolete language; and  
5 generally relating to the Park Advisory Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Natural Resources  
8 Section 5–204  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

### 13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 5–204.

15 (a) (1) There is a Sustainable Forestry Council in the Department.

16 (2) The purpose of the Council is to advise the Department on all  
17 matters related to:

18 (i) Sustainable forestry management in the State;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (ii) The expenditure of funds from the Woodland Incentives  
2 Fund under § 5–307 of this title;

3 (iii) Existing regulatory and statutory policies that are perceived  
4 as economic barriers to a viable forest products industry;

5 (iv) New markets to enhance forest health, including renewable  
6 energy development through biomass energy, to offset fossil fuel consumption and  
7 reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

8 (v) Creative strategies to help privately owned forest lands  
9 better compete with real estate market values that are driving forest conversion and  
10 fragmentation;

11 (vi) The means to promote forest–based economies and  
12 processing capability that contribute to economic and employment growth; and

13 (vii) Assigning a nutrient efficiency benefit to forest stewardship  
14 plans and other forest conservation management plans that can be measurably  
15 tracked and reported by the number of forested acres covered by the plans.

16 (b) There is a Park Advisory Commission in the Department.

17 (c) (1) The Sustainable Forestry Council shall have 9 members.

18 (2) Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor, with  
19 the advice of the Secretary, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

20 (d) **(1)** [From and after July 1, 1988, the] **THE** Park Advisory Commission  
21 shall have [9] **12** members.

22 **(2)** Members of the Park Advisory Commission shall be appointed by  
23 the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary, to serve at the pleasure of the  
24 Governor.

25 [(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a member of the  
26 Park Advisory Commission as of June 30, 1988, may serve the unexpired remainder of  
27 his term as a member of an advisory commission created by law.]

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 June 1, 2010.