

SENATE BILL 31

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EMERGENCY BILL
(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Lenett**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors
4 Commission as the Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Commission to
5 continue the work of the Statewide Empowerment Zones for Seniors
6 Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; authorizing the
7 Commission to consult with certain individuals and entities; requiring the
8 Secretary of Aging to perform certain duties; requiring the Commission to assist
9 in the implementation of certain recommendations; requiring the Department of
10 Aging to staff the Commission; providing that a member of the Commission may
11 receive reimbursement for certain expenses; stating the intent of the General
12 Assembly; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the
13 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Communities for
14 a Lifetime Commission.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Commission.

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

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
22 the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
2 designee;

3 (5) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
4 Secretary's designee;

5 (6) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

6 (7) the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

7 (8) one representative from local government;

8 (9) one representative from the Maryland Association of Area Agencies
9 on Aging;

10 (10) two representatives from providers of senior services;

11 (11) two representatives from senior advocacy organizations;

12 (12) one representative from a neighborhood or community
13 organization;

14 (13) one representative from a trade association whose members
15 provide services to seniors;

16 (14) one consumer member at least 60 years old; and

17 (15) one representative from an academic institution who has expertise
18 in aging studies or a related field.

19 (c) In performing its duties, the Commission may consult with individuals
20 and entities that the Secretary of Aging considers appropriate.

21 (d) The Secretary of Aging shall:

22 (1) chair the Commission;

23 (2) appoint the nondesignated membership of the Commission; and

24 (3) establish subcommittees and appoint subcommittee chairs as
25 necessary to facilitate the work of the Commission.

26 (e) To the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Commission
27 shall reasonably reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of
28 this State.

29 (f) The Commission shall assist in the implementation of the
30 recommendations made in the "Report of the Statewide Empowerment Zones for

1 Seniors Commission” submitted on July 1, 2009, in accordance with Chapters 511 and
2 512 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007.

3 (g) (1) The Department of Aging shall provide staff support to the
4 Commission.

5 (2) A member of the Commission may not receive compensation as a
6 member of the Commission, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
7 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
9 General Assembly that the appointees to the Maryland Communities for a Lifetime
10 Commission be those individuals who formerly were appointed to the Statewide
11 Empowerment Zones for Seniors Commission established under Chapters 511 and 512
12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 and who were serving on the Commission
13 as of September 29, 2009.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
15 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
16 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
17 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
18 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year from the date it is
19 enacted and, at the end of the 1-year period, with no further action required by the
20 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.