

# SENATE BILL 31

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EMERGENCY BILL  
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By: **Senator Lenett**

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

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; prohibiting the use of certain funds  
12 to pay any costs of the Commission; stating the intent of the General Assembly;  
13 making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this  
14 Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Communities for a Lifetime  
15 Commission.

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

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

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

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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                   (1)     one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
2 of the Senate;
- 3                   (2)     one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
4 the House;
- 5                   (3)     the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
- 6                   (4)     the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
7 designee;
- 8                   (5)     the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
9 Secretary's designee;
- 10                  (6)     the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- 11                  (7)     the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;
- 12                  (8)     one representative from local government;
- 13                  (9)     one representative from the Maryland Association of Area Agencies  
14 on Aging;
- 15                  (10)    two representatives from providers of senior services;
- 16                  (11)    two representatives from senior advocacy organizations;
- 17                  (12)    one representative from a neighborhood or community  
18 organization;
- 19                  (13)    one representative from a trade association whose members  
20 provide services to seniors;
- 21                  (14)    one consumer member at least 60 years old; and
- 22                  (15)    one representative from an academic institution who has expertise  
23 in aging studies or a related field.
- 24                  (c)     In performing its duties, the Commission may consult with individuals  
25 and entities that the Secretary of Aging considers appropriate.
- 26                  (d)     The Secretary of Aging shall:
- 27                   (1)     chair the Commission;
- 28                   (2)     appoint the nondesignated membership of the Commission; and

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

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

6           (f)    The Commission shall assist in the implementation of the  
7 recommendations made in the “Report of the Statewide Empowerment Zones for  
8 Seniors Commission” submitted on July 1, 2009, in accordance with Chapters 511 and  
9 512 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007.

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

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

15          (3)    Funding provided in the State budget or under any federal  
16 program to assist naturally occurring retirement communities may not be used to pay  
17 any costs of the Commission.

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

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