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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 541 (Senator Harrington)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Natural Resources - Park Advisory Commission - Membership

This bill adds three members to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Park Advisory Commission.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances. Any expense reimbursements for the three additional commission members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Park Advisory Commission formed within DNR in 1972 and was codified as the Park Advisory Commission in 1988 (Chapter 178).

The commission provides advice and guidance to the Superintendent of the Maryland Park Service on issues affecting the operations, maintenance, and overall mission of the State parks. The commission has nine members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources. Commission members have professional expertise in parks and recreation management and/or are committed advocates for State parks. Commission members serve on a voluntary basis.

DNR advises that adding three members to the commission will allow a more effective distribution of the workload and broaden the commission's experience and perspective.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 631 (Delegate Niemann, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

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