

Chapter 40

(Senate Bill 226)

AN ACT concerning

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Meetings

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law relating to the location and frequency of meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; and generally relating to meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 2–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

2–606.

(a) The Governor shall appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide guidance to State agencies concerning:

- (1) Funding of bicycle and pedestrian related programs;
 - (2) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian related activities;
 - (3) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian safety;
- and
- (4) Any other issue directly related to bicycling and pedestrians.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the following:

- (1) One representative each from:
 - (i) The Department of Transportation;

- (ii) The Department of Natural Resources;
 - (iii) The State Department of Education;
 - (iv) The Department of State Police;
 - (v) The Department of Business and Economic Development;
 - (vi) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
 - (vii) The Department of Planning;
 - (viii) The Department of Disabilities; and
 - (ix) The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- (2) One citizen member from each of the following areas:
- (i) The Eastern Shore;
 - (ii) Western Maryland; and
 - (iii) Southern Maryland;
- (3) Two citizen members from each of the following areas:
- (i) The Baltimore metropolitan area; and
 - (ii) The Washington metropolitan area; and
- (4) Up to six citizen members selected to represent the interests of bicyclists, pedestrians, and the disabled community to include:
- (i) A representative of individuals who are visually impaired;
 - (ii) A representative of individuals who are mobility impaired.
- and
- (c) One of the citizen members selected under subsection (b) of this section shall have an expertise in bicycle and pedestrian safety.
 - (d) The total membership of the Committee may not exceed 22 members.
 - (e) The Governor shall select a chairman from among the citizen members.

- (f) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.
- (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Committee on October 1, 2001.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (g) The Committee may adopt procedures necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.
- (h) The Committee shall [meet at least quarterly with at least one meeting held in Annapolis] **HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.**
- (i) A member of the Committee may not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided for in the State budget.
- (j) The Department shall provide staff, administrative support, and operating expenses for the Committee as provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.