

**SB0258/744036/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 258

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 21, after “Internet;” insert “providing for the construction of this Act; establishing the intent of the General Assembly;”; in line 22, after “Commission” insert “members and working group members to be appointed and the Commission”; in the same line, strike “and the working group members to be appointed”; and in line 23, after “date;” insert “providing that nothing in this Act shall preclude the appointment of a certain member to the Commission;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, As reported by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in March 2014, the effects of climate change are already occurring on all continents and across the oceans, and numerous opportunities exist to respond to and mitigate associated risks; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has already experienced some effects of climate change, including sea level rise of more than 1 foot in the last century, increasing water temperatures in the Chesapeake Bay, more rain and flooding in the winter and spring, and less in the summer; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has demonstrated its strong commitment to addressing the drivers and consequences of climate change by passing several laws, including the

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Healthy Air Act, the Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007, the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009, the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013, and the Coast Smart Council; and

WHEREAS, Although the Maryland Commission on Climate Change was created by Executive Order 01.01.2007.07 in 2007, and then strengthened by Executive Order 01.01.2014.14 in 2014, there is not a statutory body in the State whose sole purpose is to address climate change impacts and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; now, therefore,.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 18, strike “**20**”.

On page 3, after line 11, insert:

“(13) THE CHAIR OF THE CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS, OR THE CHAIR’S DESIGNEE;”;

in lines 12, 15, and 18, strike “**(13)**”, “**(14)**”, and “**(15)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(14)**”, “**(15)**”, and “**(16)**”, respectively; in line 12, strike “**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**” and substitute “**MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**”; in line 13, strike “**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**” and substitute “**MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**”; after line 20, insert:

“(17) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO REPRESENT ORGANIZED LABOR;”;

“(18) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO REPRESENT PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS;”;

in lines 21 and 23, strike “(16)” and “(17)”, respectively, and substitute “(19)” and “(20)”, respectively; strike beginning with “PRESIDENT” in line 25 down through “SCIENCE” in line 26 and substitute “SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT”; in line 26, strike “PRESIDENT’S” and substitute “SECRETARY’S”; and strike beginning with “APPOINTED” in line 29 down through “DELEGATES” in line 30.

On page 5, in line 4, strike “INDUSTRY” and substitute “AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES”; after line 18, insert:

“(7) ASSESSING THE NEEDS FOR UTILITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO ADJUST THEIR OPERATING PRACTICES AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THEIR CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC;”;

and in lines 19, 21, and 24, strike “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(8)”, “(9)”, and “(10)”, respectively.

On page 6, in lines 1, 5, 8, and 11, strike “(10)”, “(11)”, “(12)”, and “(13)”, respectively, and substitute “(11)”, “(12)”, “(13)”, and “(14)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, in line 26, after “MILESTONES” insert “, WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN MET”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, before June 1, 2016, nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the current membership and duties of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, established by Executive Order 01.01.2014.14. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Commission

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on Climate Change, established by Executive Order 01.01.2014.14, shall continue to meet and complete its tasks for 1 year following the enactment of this Act and until members are appointed to the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, established by this Act, in accordance with Section 3 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2016, the members and working group members of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, established in accordance with Section 1 of this Act, shall be appointed and a meeting shall be convened. Nothing in this Act shall preclude the appointment of a member to the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, established in accordance with this Act, who served as a member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, established by Executive Order 01.01.2014.14.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2016, each working group established by Section 1 of this Act shall meet and establish a work plan.”;

strike in their entirety lines 16 through 18, inclusive; and in line 19, strike “3.” and substitute “5”.