

# SENATE BILL 132

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By: **Senator Mathias (Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas)**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays**  
3 **– Membership From Ocean City**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor of Ocean City to appoint a designee of the Mayor  
5 as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic  
6 Coastal Bays.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Natural Resources  
9 Section 8–1803(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Natural Resources  
14 Section 8–1804(a)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Natural Resources**

20 8–1803.

21 (a) There is a Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal  
22 Bays in the Department.

23 8–1804.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 29 voting members who are appointed by  
2 the Governor, as follows:

3 (i) A full-time chairman, appointed with the advice and consent of  
4 the Senate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

5 (ii) 13 individuals, appointed with the advice and consent of the  
6 Senate, each of whom is a resident and an elected or appointed official of a local jurisdiction.  
7 At least 1 of these 13 individuals must be an elected or appointed official of a municipality.  
8 These individuals shall serve on the Commission only while they hold local office. Each  
9 shall be selected from certain counties or from municipalities within the counties as follows,  
10 and only after the Governor has consulted with elected county and municipal officials:

11 1. 1 from each of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel,  
12 Baltimore, and Prince George's counties;

13 2. 1 from Harford County or Cecil County;

14 3. 1 from Kent County or Queen Anne's County;

15 4. 1 from Caroline County;

16 5. 1 from Talbot County or Dorchester County;

17 6. 1 from Wicomico County or Somerset County;

18 7. 2 from Calvert County, Charles County, or St. Mary's  
19 County, both of whom may not be from the same county; and

20 8. 2 from Worcester County, 1 of whom shall be a resident of  
21 the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the other of whom shall be a resident of the Atlantic  
22 Coastal Bays Watershed;

23 (iii) 8 individuals, appointed with the advice and consent of the  
24 Senate, who shall represent diverse interests, and among whom shall be a resident from  
25 each of the 5 counties that are listed and from which an appointment has not been made  
26 under paragraph (2) of this subsection and 3 of the 8 members appointed under this item  
27 shall be at large members, 1 of whom shall be a private citizen and resident of the Atlantic  
28 Coastal Bays Watershed; and

29 (iv) The Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and  
30 Community Development, the Environment, Transportation, Natural Resources, and  
31 Planning, ex officio, or the designee of the Secretaries.

32 (2) Of the 2 Worcester County members from the Atlantic Coastal Bays  
33 Watershed, 1 shall be the Mayor of Ocean City **OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE MAYOR.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
2   1, 2016.