

Chapter 259

**(House Bill 245)**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Commerce – Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness – Renaming and Restructuring**

FOR the purpose of renaming the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness in the Department of Commerce to be the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board; altering the composition of the Board; and generally relating to the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 3–101 and 3–103 through 3–109 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle

1. Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Economic Development**

Subtitle 1. Maryland [Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness]

**MANUFACTURING ADVISORY BOARD.**

3–101.

In this subtitle, [“Commission”] **“BOARD”** means the Maryland [Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness] **MANUFACTURING ADVISORY BOARD.**

3–103.

There is a Maryland [Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness] **MANUFACTURING ADVISORY BOARD** in the Department.

3–104.

(a) (1) The [Commission] **BOARD** consists of:

(i) [two members] **ONE MEMBER** appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland;

(ii) [two members] **ONE MEMBER** appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

(iii) the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary; **AND**

(iv) [four other ex officio members representing units of State government:

1. the Secretary of the Environment or the designee of the Secretary of the Environment;

2. the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the designee of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;

3. the State Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee; and

4. a representative of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

(v) the following [16] members appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor:

1. one representative of an educational institution in the State;

2. [two representatives] ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE~~ of organized labor;

3. [12] **10** representatives of manufacturing enterprises; and

4. one representative of business organizations.

(2) The members appointed under paragraph (1)(iv) [and (v)] of this subsection shall reflect the racial and gender diversity of the population of the State.

(3) The members appointed under paragraph [(1)(v)3] **(I)(IV)3** of this subsection should generally reflect representation from:

(i) varied geographic regions of the State;

(ii) varied sectors of manufacturing, balancing technology-related and traditional manufacturing industries; and

(iii) the mix of manufacturing enterprises in the State, including those that employ 500 or more employees and those that employ fewer than 500 employees.

(b) (1) The term of a member appointed under subsection [(a)(1)(v)] **(A)(1)(IV)** of this section is 3 years and begins on July 1.

(2) The terms of the members appointed under subsection [(a)(1)(v)] **(A)(1)(IV)** are staggered as required by the terms provided for the members of the [Commission] **BOARD** on October 1, 2008.

(3) A member may be reappointed, but after serving two consecutive 3-year terms, a member may not be reappointed until at least 1 year after the end of the member's previous tenure.

(4) (i) A vacancy shall be filled immediately for the remainder of the unexpired portion of a term.

(ii) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor has been appointed.

(5) (i) A member appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House serves at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

(ii) A member appointed under subsection [(a)(1)(v)] **(A)(1)(IV)** of this section may be removed at any time by the Secretary, with or without cause.

3-105.

The Secretary shall designate a chair from among the private sector members of the [Commission] **BOARD**.

3-106.

The [Commission] **BOARD** shall meet at least 4 times each year.

3-107.

A member of the [Commission] **BOARD** who is a member of the General Assembly may not vote on a matter before the [Commission] **BOARD** that relates to the exercise of a sovereign power of the State.

3-108.

The [Commission] **BOARD** shall advise the Secretary on the best methods to implement the policy directives of the action plan for manufacturing competitiveness in the State, including:

- (1) encouraging the development of new manufacturing enterprises and the expansion and retention of existing manufacturing enterprises;
- (2) encouraging and facilitating training and education of individuals for manufacturing jobs;
- (3) producing a climate conducive to the growth and viability of manufacturing enterprises;
- (4) supporting research necessary to evaluate, plan, and execute effective promotion of manufacturing enterprises; and
- (5) encouraging, assisting, and coordinating the activities of local, regional, and national public or private organizations that promote manufacturing.

3–109.

The [Commission] **BOARD** shall submit a report each year to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the progress of the [Commission] **BOARD** in implementing policies to assist manufacturing in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**