

HOUSE BILL 245

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By: Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Economic Development
10 Section 3–101 and 3–103 through 3–109 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle
11 1. Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Board”
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 Article – Economic Development

17 Subtitle 1. Maryland [Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness]
18 **MANUFACTURING ADVISORY BOARD.**

19 3–101.

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

22 3–103.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 3-104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 2. [two representatives] **ONE REPRESENTATIVE** of
25 organized labor;

26 3. [12] **10** representatives of manufacturing enterprises; and

27 4. one representative of business organizations.

28 (2) The members appointed under paragraph (1)(iv) [and (v)] of this
29 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:

3 (i) varied geographic regions of the State;

4 (ii) varied sectors of manufacturing, balancing technology-related
5 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.

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

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

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

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

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

24 3-105.

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

27 3-106.

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

29 3-107.

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

4 3–108.

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

8 (1) encouraging the development of new manufacturing enterprises and
9 the expansion and retention of existing manufacturing enterprises;

10 (2) encouraging and facilitating training and education of individuals for
11 manufacturing jobs;

12 (3) producing a climate conducive to the growth and viability of
13 manufacturing enterprises;

14 (4) supporting research necessary to evaluate, plan, and execute effective
15 promotion of manufacturing enterprises; and

16 (5) encouraging, assisting, and coordinating the activities of local, regional,
17 and national public or private organizations that promote manufacturing.

18 3–109.

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

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2017.