

HOUSE BILL 1362

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission – Alterations and**
3 **Extension**

4 **PG 421–19**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Prince George's County Environmental
6 Justice Commission to include ~~the Prince George's County State's Attorney or the~~
7 ~~State's Attorney's designee~~ certain individuals; altering the date by which the
8 Commission is required to report certain findings and recommendations to the
9 Prince George's County House Delegation; extending the termination date of the
10 Commission; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Environmental
11 Justice Commission.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 779 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
14 Section 1 and 2

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

17 **Chapter 779 of the Acts of 2018**

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) There is a Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission.

2 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

3 (1) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the County
4 Executive's designee;

5 (2) the chair of the Prince George's County Council, or the chair's designee;

6 **(3) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR THE**
7 **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE;**

8 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of the
9 Environment, or the Director's designee;

10 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of
11 Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, or the Director's designee;

12 **(6) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
13 **DESIGNEE;**

14 **(7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
15 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/DISEASE CONTROL**
16 **DIVISION, APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION;**

17 **(8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**
18 **OPERATING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, DESIGNATED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
19 **COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;**

20 ~~[(5)]~~ ~~(6)~~ (9) one representative of an environmental organization that
21 works on environmental justice issues in Prince George's County, appointed by the chair of
22 the Commission; and

23 ~~[(6)]~~ ~~(7)~~ (10) two members of the public who reside in Prince George's
24 County, appointed by the chair of the Commission.

25 (c) The chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation shall designate the
26 chair of the Commission.

27 (d) The Prince George's County Department of the Environment shall provide
28 staff for the Commission.

29 (e) A member of the Commission:

30 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (f) The Commission shall:

4 (1) study environmental justice issues in Prince George’s County; and

5 (2) make recommendations regarding:

6 (i) actions that should be taken to address environmental justice
7 issues in Prince George’s County; and

8 (ii) whether the duration of the Commission should be extended.

9 (g) On or before December 31, [2018] **2019**, the Commission shall report its
10 findings and recommendations **WITH A PLAN OF ACTION** to the Prince George’s County
11 House Delegation in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
13 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and 1 month and, at the
14 end of June 30, [2019] **2020**, this Act, with no further action required by the General
15 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.