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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 674
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “year;” insert “requiring the Commission to host at least a certain number of community listening sessions per calendar year, with a majority of the members of the Commission present at each community listening session;”; in the same line, after “meetings” insert “and community listening sessions”; in line 11, after “State;” insert “requiring the Commission’s meetings and community listening sessions to be reasonably accessible to all attendees, including certain persons; requiring the Department to post notice of the time and location of its meetings and community listening sessions on its website at least a certain number of days before the meeting or community listening session; prohibiting a member of the Commission from representing more than one entity or group;”; in line 12, after “State” insert “and local”; in the same line, after “laws” insert “, permits, actions.”; in line 13, after “issues;” insert “requiring the Commission to assess compliance with a certain federal law;”; in the same line, after “the” insert “Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 15 down through the semicolon in line 17.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, after “(2)” insert ““BUSINESS ORGANIZATION” MEANS A CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST, PARTNERSHIP, OR ANY OTHER FOR-PROFIT ENTITY.”

(3)”;

in line 12, strike “(3)” and substitute:

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“(4) “COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION” MEANS A PUBLIC CONVENING TO GATHER INFORMATION AND INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

(5)”;

after line 14, insert:

“(6) “ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT ENTITY ENGAGED IN ADVOCACY OR ACTION RELATED TO CONSERVATION, STEWARDSHIP OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR POLLUTION REDUCTION.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 18, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “ONE” and substitute “**AT LEAST ONE**”; in line 8, after “COMMUNITY” insert “**DISPROPORTIONATELY**”; in the same line, strike “justice ISSUES” and substitute “**AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS**”; in line 14, after the semicolon insert “**AND**”; strike in their entirety lines 15 and 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike “6.” and substitute “**5.**”; in line 22, strike “THREE” and substitute “**AT LEAST THREE**”; in the same line, after “COMMUNITIES” insert “**DISPROPORTIONATELY**”; in line 23, strike “JUSTICE ISSUES” and substitute “**AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS THAT REPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE**”; and in line 31, strike “AND”.

On page 4, in line 2, after “LEAGUE” insert “**; AND**

(XIII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF A LABOR UNION, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE AND D.C. AFL-CIO”.

in line 7, after “STATE” insert “**, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE CENSUS DATA**”; in line 22, strike “meet” and substitute “**;**

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1. MEET;

in line 23, after “YEAR” insert “; **AND**”

2. HOST AT LEAST FOUR COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS PER CALENDAR YEAR IN COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS, WITH A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PRESENT AT EACH COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION”;

in line 24, after “MEETINGS” insert “**AND COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS**”; in line 25, after “PARAGRAPH” insert “**, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH ROTATING MEETING OR COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION LOCATIONS IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING**”; in lines 26 and 28, in each instance, strike “SHALL BE HELD”; and after line 29, insert:

“(III) THE MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL ATTENDEES, INCLUDING PERSONS WITH:

1. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY; AND

2. DISABILITIES.

(IV) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST NOTICE OF THE TIME AND LOCATION OF A MEETING OR COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ON ITS WEBSITE AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING OR COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION.”.

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On page 5, after line 7, insert:

“(4) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE ENTITY OR GROUP.”;

in line 12, after “State” insert “**AND LOCAL**”; in the same line, after “laws” insert “**, PERMITS, ACTIONS,**”; in line 13, after “communities” insert “**, INCLUDING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS, EFFECTS, AND EXPOSURE**”; in line 15, after “communities” insert “**, INCLUDING ASSESSING COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**”; in line 17, after “Council” insert “**, THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES,**”; in line 18, after “communities;” insert “**AND**”; and strike beginning with “**AFTER**” in line 20 down through “(6)” in line 24.