

HOUSE BILL 716

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EMERGENCY BILL
ENROLLED BILL

(2lr2040)

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Lehman, Pena–Melnyk, Atterbary, Bagnall, B. Barnes, Bhandari, Brooks, Charkoudian, Feldmark, Forbes, Fraser–Hidalgo, Healey, Hill, Holmes, R. Jones, Love, Moon, Ruth, Shetty, Solomon, Terrasa, Watson, ~~and Williams~~ Williams, Boyce, Clark, Foley, Gilchrist, Jalisi, Lierman, Stein, Stewart, and Wells**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Patuxent River Commission – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~adding the Patuxent Riverkeeper as a voting member~~ altering the
4 membership of the Patuxent River Commission; and generally relating to the
5 Patuxent River Commission.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Finance and Procurement
8 Section 5–812
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Finance and Procurement
3 Section 5–814
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
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6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

9 5–812.

10 There is a Patuxent River Commission in the Department.

11 5–814.

12 (a) The Commission consists of the following [34] ~~35~~ 36 voting members
13 [appointed by the Governor]:

14 (1) 7 individuals, 1 from each of the following 7 counties, **APPOINTED BY**
15 **THE GOVERNOR** on the recommendation of the governing body of that county:

- 16 (i) Anne Arundel County;
- 17 (ii) Calvert County;
- 18 (iii) Charles County;
- 19 (iv) Howard County;
- 20 (v) Montgomery County;
- 21 (vi) Prince George’s County; and
- 22 (vii) St. Mary’s County;

23 (2) 1 individual representing the Washington Suburban Sanitary
24 Commission, **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR**;

25 (3) 1 individual from each of the following regional planning agencies,
26 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR**:

- 27 (i) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
28 Montgomery County;

1 (ii) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
2 Prince George’s County; and

3 (iii) the Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland;

4 (4) 1 individual, representing a municipality in the watershed,
5 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR** on the recommendation of the corresponding governing
6 body of that municipality;

7 (5) 1 individual representing a large federal facility in the watershed,
8 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

9 (6) as far as possible, the following individuals appointed by the Governor
10 with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be selected to represent broad geographic,
11 economic, and social interests within the watershed:

12 (i) 2 individuals representing farming interests;

13 (ii) 1 individual representing business interests;

14 (iii) 4 individuals representing environmental and citizen interests;

15 (iv) 2 individuals representing developer interests;

16 (v) ~~2 individuals~~ **1 INDIVIDUAL** representing academic interests;

17 (vi) 2 individuals, 1 each, representing 2 soil conservation districts;

18 (vii) 1 individual representing the University of Maryland
19 Cooperative Extension Service; ~~and~~

20 (viii) 1 individual representing watermen interests; ~~and~~

21 **(IX) 1 INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING AN ORGANIZATION OR UNIT**
22 **OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGED IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND**
23 **RESTORATION;**

24 (7) **THE PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER; AND**

25 (8) as ex officio members:

26 (i) the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee;

27 (ii) the Secretary of the Environment or a designee;

- 1 (iii) the Secretary of Natural Resources or a designee;
- 2 (iv) the Secretary of Planning or a designee;
- 3 (v) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee; ~~and~~
- 4 (vi) the Chief of the Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of
5 Engineers, Baltimore District or a designee; AND

6 **(VII) THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**
7 **CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR A DESIGNEE.**

8 (b) (1) The term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (6) of
9 this section is 4 years.

10 (2) At the end of a term, a member appointed under subsection (a)(1)
11 through (6) of this section continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

12 (3) A member who is appointed under subsection (a)(1) through (6) of this
13 section after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is
14 appointed and qualifies.

15 (4) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
16 provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1995.

17 (c) (1) The Commission may establish and abolish nonvoting memberships.

18 (2) A nonvoting member shall be appointed by the Commission for a term
19 set by the Commission.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Patuxent Riverkeeper
21 shall become a full voting member of the Patuxent River Commission on June 1, 2022.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect June~~
23 ~~1, 2022~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
25 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect
26 from the date it is enacted.