

Chapter 603

(House Bill 718)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Local Development Council – Delegate Appointments

FOR the purpose of altering the number of members of the local development council for a video lottery facility located in Anne Arundel County; requiring the County Executive of Anne Arundel County to appoint a certain number of Delegates who represent a certain district or their designees to the local development council; and generally relating to the local development councils for video lottery facilities in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–31(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Government

9–1A–31.

(c) (1) A local development council shall be established in each geographic area where a video lottery facility is located.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a local development council shall consist of the following [15] members appointed by the chief executive of the county in which the local development council is located, in consultation with the Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and the respective county councils, city councils, or county commissioners:

(i) one Senator who represents the district where the facility is located or the Senator’s designee;

(ii) two Delegates who represent the districts where the communities surrounding the facility are located or the Delegates’ designees;

(iii) one representative of the video lottery operation licensee;

(iv) seven residents of the communities in immediate proximity to the facility; and

(v) four representatives of businesses or institutions located in immediate proximity to the facility.

(3) (i) [If the video lottery facility is at a racetrack location at Laurel Park, the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, the County Executive of Prince George's County, and the County Executive of Howard County shall jointly appoint the local development council.

(ii) If the video lottery facility is at a racetrack location at the Ocean Downs Race Course:

1. the County Commissioners of Worcester County shall appoint the local development council;

2. the Senator or the Senator's designee shall serve as a member of the local development council; and

3. the Delegates or the Delegates' designees shall serve as members of the local development council.

(II) IF THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL APPOINT THREE DELEGATES WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT WHERE THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE FACILITY ARE LOCATED OR THE DELEGATES' DESIGNEES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.