

# HOUSE BILL 323

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By: ~~Delegate Guyton~~ **Delegates Guyton, Lehman, Love, Ruth, Stein, and Stewart**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Commission on Climate Change Membership – Addition**

3 FOR the purpose of adding the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary's  
4 designee, and the Chair of the Public Service Commission, or the Chair's designee,  
5 as ~~a member~~ members of the Commission on Climate Change; and generally relating  
6 to the membership of the Commission on Climate Change.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 2–1301(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Environment

14 Section 2–1302(a)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Environment**

20 2–1301.

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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 Commission on Climate Change in the Department to advise the  
2 Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt  
3 to the consequences of climate change.

4 2-1302.

5 (a) The Commission's membership shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
7 House;

8 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

9 (3) The State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;

10 (4) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (5) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

12 (6) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

13 (7) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (8) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's  
15 designee;

16 (9) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (10) The Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

18 **(11) THE SECRETARY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OR THE**  
19 **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

20 ~~(11)~~ **(12)** The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the  
21 Director's designee;

22 ~~(12)~~ **(13)** The People's Counsel, or the People's Counsel's designee;

23 ~~(13)~~ **(14)** The President of the University of Maryland Center for  
24 Environmental Science, or the President's designee;

25 ~~(14)~~ **(15)** The Chair of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake  
26 and Atlantic Coastal Bays, or the Chair's designee;

1                    ~~(15)~~ (16)    **THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, OR THE**  
2 **CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;**

3                    [(15)] ~~(16)~~ (17)    One member appointed by the Farm Bureau representing  
4 the agriculture community;

5                    [(16)] ~~(17)~~ (18)    One member appointed by the Maryland Association of  
6 Counties and one member appointed by the Maryland Municipal League to represent local  
7 governments;

8                    [(17)] ~~(18)~~ (19)    One member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
9 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to represent the business  
10 community;

11                   [(18)] ~~(19)~~ (20)    One member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
12 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to represent  
13 environmental nonprofit organizations;

14                   [(19)] ~~(20)~~ (21)    One member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
15 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent organized labor, one of  
16 whom shall represent the building or construction trades and one of whom shall represent  
17 the manufacturing industry;

18                   [(20)] ~~(21)~~ (22)    One member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
19 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House to represent philanthropic  
20 organizations;

21                   [(21)] ~~(22)~~ (23)    One climate change expert appointed by the Governor  
22 representing a university located in Maryland; and

23                   [(22)] ~~(23)~~ (24)    One public health expert appointed by the Governor  
24 representing a university located in Maryland.

25                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2024.