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By: **Senator Gallion**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety
4 in Maryland; and generally relating to the Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion
5 Battery Safety in Maryland.

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

7 That:

8 (a) There is a Commission to Advance Lithium–Ion Battery Safety in Maryland.

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

10 (1) one representative of the Department of the Environment, appointed
11 by the Secretary of the Environment;

12 (2) the following members, appointed by the Director of the Maryland
13 Energy Administration:

14 (i) one representative of the Maryland Energy Administration; and

15 (ii) one representative of a lithium–ion battery manufacturer;

16 (3) the State Fire Marshal, or the Fire Marshal’s designee;

17 (4) the following members, appointed by the President of the Maryland
18 Association of Counties;

19 (i) one representative with a background in emergency response;

20 (ii) one representative with a background in public works; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) one representative with a background in climate, clean energy,
2 and infrastructure;

3 (5) one representative of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland,
4 designated by the President of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland;

5 (6) one representative of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association,
6 designated by the President of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association;

7 (7) one citizen representative, designated by the President of the Maryland
8 State Firemen's Association;

9 (8) one representative of a public utility in the State;

10 (9) one representative of the Maryland Recycling Network; and

11 (10) one representative of the Maryland Delaware Solid Waste Association.

12 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from its members.

13 (d) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall provide staff for the Commission.

14 (e) A member of the Commission:

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

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

18 (f) The Commission shall study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic,
19 or other recommendations regarding:

20 (1) best practices and guidelines:

21 (i) to prevent, detect, and suppress lithium-ion battery fires in
22 consumer, transportation, and utility applications;

23 (ii) to prevent, detect, and suppress lithium-ion fires at recycling
24 facilities; and

25 (iii) for reusing and recycling lithium-ion batteries;

26 (2) the viability of extended producer responsibility for lithium-ion
27 batteries;

1 (3) training, education, and other information to better inform the public
2 regarding lithium-ion battery safety; and

3 (4) any other global issues the Commission may consider useful for
4 enhancing the safety and reuse of batteries in the State.

5 (g) On or before December 1, 2025, the Commission shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
7 Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of
10 December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
11 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.