

HOUSE BILL 971

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By: **Delegate Pruski**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory**
3 **Committee**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial
5 Park Advisory Committee to provide advice on the planning of and make
6 recommendations regarding the Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital
7 Memorial Park; and generally relating to the Anne Arundel County Crownsville
8 Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Local Government
11 Section 33–101 and 33–102 to be under the new title “Title 33. Anne Arundel County
12 Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee”
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Local Government**

18 **TITLE 33. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK**
19 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

20 **33–101.**

21 **IN THIS TITLE, “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**
22 **CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

23 **33–102.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) **THERE IS AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL**
2 **MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 (B) **THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

4 (1) **ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,**
5 **APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;**

6 (2) **ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND WHO REPRESENTS**
7 **THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK IS**
8 **LOCATED, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

9 (3) **TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO REPRESENT**
10 **THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK IS**
11 **LOCATED, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

12 (4) **ONE MEMBER OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COUNCIL WHO**
13 **REPRESENTS THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL**
14 **PARK IS LOCATED;**

15 (5) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY,**
16 **DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;**

17 (6) **THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER, OR THE**
18 **BUDGET OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;**

19 (7) **THE DIRECTOR OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF**
20 **EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

21 (8) **SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF**
22 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY WITH AT LEAST:**

23 (I) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN CULTURAL**
24 **HISTORY;**

25 (II) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN RECREATION**
26 **AND PARKS;**

27 (III) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN**
28 **INFRASTRUCTURE;**

1 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN HEALTH AND
2 WELLNESS;

3 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WHO REPRESENTS THE
4 COMMUNITIES ADJACENT TO THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK; AND

5 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE WITH EXPERTISE IN CIVIL RIGHTS.

6 (C) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
7 SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

8 (D) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL
9 DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

10 (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

11 (1) ACT AS AN ADVISORY BODY AND PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE
12 PLANNING PROCESS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, FOR CROWNSVILLE
13 HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK TO:

14 (I) THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

16 (II) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

17 (III) THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; AND

18 (IV) THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
19 GOVERNMENT;

20 (2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
21 THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT:

22 (I) THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK MASTER
23 PLAN;

24 (II) THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE SITE;

25 (III) THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ANNE
26 ARUNDEL COUNTY;

27 (IV) THE RECREATION AND PARK NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF
28 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY; AND

1 **(V) THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT ITEMS (I)**
2 **THROUGH (IV) OF THIS ITEM;**

3 **(3) COLLECT AND COMPILE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF**
4 **THE CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK; AND**

5 **(4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE CROWNSVILLE**
6 **HOSPITAL MEMORIAL PARK IS A PLACE THAT:**

7 **(I) FOCUSES ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND**
8 **WELL-BEING;**

9 **(II) IS INTENTIONAL AND EQUITABLE IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO**
10 **THE PROPERTY;**

11 **(III) IS TRUTHFUL ABOUT THE HISTORY OF CROWNSVILLE**
12 **HOSPITAL;**

13 **(IV) PRESERVES AND CELEBRATES THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF**
14 **THE PROPERTY;**

15 **(V) PROTECTS AND RESTORES THE BEST OF THE PROPERTY'S**
16 **BUILT ENVIRONMENT; AND**

17 **(VI) CULTIVATES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.**

18 **(F) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE SHALL**
19 **REPORT ITS ACHIEVEMENTS, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY**
20 **EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE**
21 **ARUNDEL COUNTY, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**
22 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE**
23 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September
26 30, 2030, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.