

Chapter 39

(Senate Bill 260)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Commission – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including ~~a representative~~ an administrator of a hospital; altering the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a certain minimum population; and generally relating to the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–104
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

19–101.

In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Maryland Health Care Commission.

19–104.

(a) (1) The Commission shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) Of the 15 members:

(i) ~~[Nine]~~ **EIGHT** shall be individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor; and

(ii) Of the remaining [six] SEVEN members:

1. Two shall be physicians;
2. Two shall be payors, as defined in § 19–132 of this subtitle;
3. **ONE SHALL BE ~~A REPRESENTATIVE~~ AN ADMINISTRATOR OF A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19–301 OF THIS TITLE;**
4. One shall be a nursing home administrator in the State;

and

[4.] **5.** One shall be a nonphysician health care practitioner.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 1999.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) The Governor may remove a member for neglect of duty, incompetence, or misconduct.

(6) A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(c) When appointing members to the Commission, the Governor shall:

(1) Assure that:

(i) At least [five] **FOUR** members are residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more; and

(ii) At least three members are residents of different counties with a population of less than 300,000, of which at least:

1. One shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore;
2. One shall be a resident of Allegany County, Garrett County, Washington County, Carroll County, or Frederick County; and
3. One shall be a resident of Southern Maryland; and

(2) To the extent practicable, assure geographic balance and promote racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in the Commission's membership.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2026.