

HB0016/553328/1

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 16
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Phillips**” and substitute “**Delegates Phillips, Simmons, Moreno, Moon, Conaway, and Williams**”; in line 4, strike “altering the number of members of the Maryland Parole Commission;”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “repealing the authority of the Commission to appoint and utilize hearing examiners;” and substitute “requiring a new commissioner to be appointed within a certain number of days under certain circumstances; prohibiting a hearing examiner appointed under certain authority from serving for more than a certain number of days; altering certain requirements for hearing examiners; requiring a vote of the majority of commissioners appointed to the Maryland Parole Commission, instead of a certain minimum number, to approve a certain incarcerated individual for parole;”; in line 10, after “7–205(a)” insert “and 7–307”; in the same line, strike “, 7–207, 7–302, 7–303, and 7–305”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike the brackets; in lines 2 and 3, strike “**AT LEAST 15 BUT NOT MORE THAN 20**”; in line 20, after “**GOVERNOR**” insert “, **INCLUDING:**”

A. AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND

B. AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO IS AN IMMEDIATE RELATIVE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CURRENTLY, OR WAS FORMERLY, INCARCERATED IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY”.

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On page 3, in line 21, strike the bracket; in the same line, after “If” insert “**THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION, OR IF**”; in line 25, after “(2)” insert “**A NEW COMMISSIONER SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER A VACANCY.**”

(3)”;

in line 27, strike “(3)” and substitute “**(4)**”; and in the same line, after “may not” insert “**:**”

(I) SERVE FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS; OR

(II)”.

On page 4 in lines 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 22, and 29, and on page 5 in lines 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, and 23, in each instance, strike the brackets.

On page 4, in line 6, strike “**(B)**”; in line 8, strike “**(C)**”; in line 15, strike “and”; in lines 16 and 17, strike “have training and experience in law, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, education, social work, or criminology” and substitute “**HOLD AN UNDERGRADUATE OR ADVANCED DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, SOCIAL WORK, EDUCATION, OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING OR HAVE ATTAINED THE EQUIVALENT OF THOSE DEGREES THROUGH TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE; AND**”

4. HAVE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN A FIELD LISTED UNDER ITEM 3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH OR IN LAW OR CRIMINOLOGY”;

and after line 22, insert:

“(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NOT MORE THAN 30% OF HEARING EXAMINERS MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED IN THE FIELDS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(II) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT TERMINATE A HEARING EXAMINER EMPLOYED ON OCTOBER 1, 2026, IN ORDER TO REACH THE THRESHOLD REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.”

On page 5, in lines 4 and 5, strike “life imprisonment” and substitute “**NOT LESS THAN 15 YEARS CONFINEMENT FOR A SINGLE CONVICTION**”; in line 20, strike “**(5)**”; in line 21, strike “**(6)**”; and in line 23, strike “**(7)**”.

On pages 5 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 5 through line 6 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 9, in lines 23 and 24, strike “at least six affirmative votes are” and substitute “**THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION IS**”; and strike beginning with “That” in line 30 down through the comma in line 33.