

HOUSE BILL 1301

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land Use – Historic Preservation Commission – Right of Appeal**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local jurisdiction to authorize any person aggrieved by a
4 decision of a historic preservation commission to appeal the decision to the board of
5 appeals of the local jurisdiction or the appropriate circuit court; and generally
6 relating to the right to appeal a decision of a historic preservation commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Land Use

9 Section 8–308

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Land Use**

15 8–308.

16 **(A)** Any person aggrieved by a decision of a commission may appeal the decision
17 in the manner provided for an appeal from the decision of the planning commission of the
18 local jurisdiction.

19 **(B) IN ADDITION TO THE RIGHT TO APPEAL PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION**
20 **(A) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON**
21 **AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OF A COMMISSION TO APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE**
22 **BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, THE APPROPRIATE CIRCUIT**
23 **COURT, OR BOTH.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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