
Fw: HENRIETTA LACKS COMMISSION OF MARYLAND ACT

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Greeting Rick

Attn Paul

Please make the following changes to hb0166.

-Page 3 line #2 change the word MAY to SHALL (if appropriate)

-Page 3 line #8 change the word OVERSIGHT to GUIDANCE

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Subject: RE: HENRIETTA LACKS COMMISSION OF MARYLAND ACT

Hi David,

I have some concern with the legislation as written, specifically provision (G)(1) which contains the word 'oversight' and is written imprecisely with too much breadth. If you replace 'oversight' with 'guidance' I think that would meet the intent.

Oversight is not an appropriate function of this commission, nor is the DC based O'Neill institute appropriate for oversight of Maryland functions, as that gets into an interstate governance issue that would derail the bill I suspect. Switching the word to 'guidance' would alleviate the concern.

Regards,

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Greetings to all

I am pleased to correct my earlier report (right number wrong year) that the Henrietta Lacks Commission of Maryland Act HB0166 of 2026 that I helped to write is out of the gate and running.

Maryland Delegate Rick Metzgar has done a great job in advancing the legislation and keeping me updated on it. We will announce significant updates on it as they occur.

You can follow the bill at the link below:

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0166?ys=2026RS>

The screenshot shows the Maryland General Assembly website with a progress bar for bill HB0166. The progress bar is divided into three sections: Original Chamber, Opposite Chamber, and Passed Both Chambers. The Original Chamber section includes 1st Reading, Referral to CMTE, 2nd Reading, and 3rd Reading. The Opposite Chamber section includes 1st Reading, Referral to CMTE, 2nd Reading, and 3rd Reading. The Passed Both Chambers section includes Review in Original Chamber (if necessary) and Conf. CMTE. The bill is currently at the 1st Reading stage in the Original Chamber. A search bar at the top right contains the text "i.e. Bill search, keyword". The website header includes the Maryland General Assembly logo and navigation links for MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, LEGISLATION, BUDGET, LAWS, FLOOR ACTIONS, REDISTRICTING, and SEARCH. The browser address bar shows the URL: https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0166?ys=2026RS.

All the Best

David