AN ACT to:

(1) modify the duties and responsibilities of the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee;
(2) change the name of the Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee; and
(3) generally revise County law regarding environmental sustainability.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Sections 18A-1, 18A-5, and 18A-8 are amended as follows:

18A-1. Findings and statement of purpose.

(a) In the interest of maintaining an adequate and reliable energy supply at reasonable cost, the County government recognizes the need to institutionalize through legislation an energy policy and energy planning program. In addition, the efficient use of energy directly benefits air quality and climate, demonstrating the linkages necessary to achieve essential environmental goals. For this reason, the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee on Climate, Energy, [Conservation] and Air Quality includes [are expanded to include] an advisory function with respect to air quality and climate change.

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18A-5. Climate, Energy, and Air Quality Advisory Committee; establishment; terms of office; ex-officio members; etc.

(a) There is hereby established an Advisory Committee on Climate, Energy, and Air Quality to assist the County Council and the County Executive in carrying out the purposes of this [Article] Chapter and Chapter 3. The Committee consists of 15 members appointed by the [County] Executive, subject to confirmation by the [County] Council. One member must be designated by the Executive and confirmed by the Council to serve as chair of the Committee. Each appointee must be a resident of the County who is technically knowledgeable and interested in climate change, energy and air quality.

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The Committee has the following duties:
Advise the [County] Executive and the [County] Council of the activities of the Committee in furthering the [goals] purpose of this [Article] Chapter and Chapter 3;

Comment on or assist in [Develop] developing recommendations to promote and implement immediate and long-range [energy consciousness in all segments of the community] policies and programs aimed at meeting the County’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals;

Comment on or assist in developing recommendations to promote and implement immediate and long-range policies and programs to promote cleaner, more efficient, and more reliable energy use and practice in all segments of the community;

Comment on or assist in developing programs to meet air quality standards and to promote healthy indoor and outdoor air quality;

Identify areas and methods to encourage voluntary participation in climate-related efforts, energy conservation efforts and air quality improvements;

Identify and recommend innovative programs, policies, and technologies to improve climate and air quality for the Executive, the Council, and the public to implement;

Recommend the development of educational programs and materials to educate the public and private sectors about the efficient use of energy and its direct benefits for improved air quality and reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and

Carry out duties assigned from time to time by the [County] Executive and the [County] Council to assist in fulfilling the purposes of this Article.

Sec. 2. Transition.
A member of the Committee serving when this Act takes effect continues as a member for the remainder of his or her term of office.
Approved:

[Signature]

Sidney Katz, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

[Signature]

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

[Signature]

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council

Date