

HOUSE BILL 173

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By: **Delegates Arentz, Ghrist, and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Metropolitan Council – Queen Anne’s County – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is
4 appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County; clarifying
5 that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; providing that a Delegate
6 or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne’s County may be
7 appointed as a member of the Council; and generally relating to the membership of
8 Queen Anne’s County in the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Economic Development
11 Section 13–302
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Economic Development**

22 13–302.

23 (a) There is a Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

24 (b) The Council:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) is a body politic and corporate; and

2 (2) is not a unit of State government.

3 (c) The purposes of the Council are to:

4 (1) serve as a forum for local officials and their representatives to identify
5 and address problems in the region;

6 (2) provide a central source of information and coordination for fashioning
7 responses to needs in the region;

8 (3) assist local jurisdictions in developing regional policies, prioritizing
9 regional infrastructure needs, and developing regional strategies; and

10 (4) facilitate coordination and collaboration among local jurisdictions and
11 organizations in the Baltimore region to foster economic growth and development in the
12 region in areas that include:

13 (i) regional transportation;

14 (ii) housing;

15 (iii) workforce development; and

16 (iv) renewable energy projects and usage.

17 13–303.

18 (a) The Council consists of:

19 (1) one member appointed by the County Executive of Anne Arundel
20 County;

21 (2) one member appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City;

22 (3) one member appointed by the County Executive of Baltimore County;

23 (4) one member appointed by the County Commissioners of Carroll County;

24 (5) one member appointed by the County Executive of Harford County;

25 (6) one member appointed by the County Executive of Howard County;

26 (7) **ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
27 **COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY;**

1 **(8)** one member of the House of Delegates who represents a district within
2 Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County,
3 **[or]** Howard County, **OR QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**, appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House;

5 **[(8)] (9)** one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents a district
6 within Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford
7 County, **[or]** Howard County, **OR QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**, appointed by the President of
8 the Senate; and

9 **[(9)] (10)** one representative of the private sector appointed by the
10 Governor.

11 (b) A member appointed under subsection (a)(1) through **[(6)] (7)** of this section
12 serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2017.