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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, and Workgroups –**
3 **Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity**
4 **Requirements**

5 FOR the purpose of eliminating citizenship requirements for certain boards and
6 commissions; requiring that members of certain boards, committees, commissions,
7 task forces, and workgroups reflect the full diversity of the State to the extent
8 practicable; and generally relating to members of boards, committees, commissions,
9 task forces, or workgroups.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
12 Section 2–201, 3–201, 5–201, 6–201, 6.5–201, 7–201, 8–201, 14–201, 16–201, 17–201,
13 and 21–201
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
18 Section 2–202(b), 3–202(b), 5–202(b), 6–202(b), 6.5–202(b), 7–202(b), 8–202(b),
19 14–202(b), 16–202(b), 17–202(b), and 21–202(b)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
23 Article – Business Regulation
24 Section 8–201 and 9A–201
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2024 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Business Regulation
3 Section 8–202(b) and 9A–202(c)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Correctional Services
8 Section 4–207, 10–401, and 10–402
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Criminal Law
13 Section 12–301.1(f)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Criminal Law
18 Section 12–301.1(f)(3)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article – Economic Development
23 Section 11–202
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
27 Article – Economic Development
28 Section 11–203(a)
29 Annotated Code of Maryland
30 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
31 (As enacted by Chapters 11 and 12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024)
- 32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
33 Article – Environment
34 Section 5–1102.1(a)(1), 5–1104(a)(1) and (b), and 5–1104.1(a)(1) and (b)
35 Annotated Code of Maryland
36 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 37 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
38 Article – Family Law
39 Section 5–501(a)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Family Law
5 Section 5–501(g) and (l), 5–535, 5–539(b), 5–539.1(c), (d), (e), and (f), 5–539.2,
6 5–541(b)(2), and 5–544
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – General Provisions
11 Section 4–1A–01
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – General Provisions
16 Section 4–1A–02(a)(2)(iii) and 7–317(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Health – General
21 Section 7–510, 7–511, 10–410, 10–411(b), 19–508, and 19–509(b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article – Health – General
26 Section 13–2102
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
30 Article – Health – General
31 Section 13–2103
32 Annotated Code of Maryland
33 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
34 (As enacted by Chapter 460 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014)

35 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
36 Article – Health Occupations
37 Section 5–201, 8–201, 9–201, 18–201, and 20–201
38 Annotated Code of Maryland
39 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Health Occupations
3 Section 5–202(c), 8–202(c), 9–202(c), 18–202(b), and 20–202(c)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Labor and Employment
8 Section 9–301
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Labor and Employment
13 Section 9–302(b)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Natural Resources
18 Section 8–1803(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Natural Resources
23 Section 8–1804(a)(1)(iii)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 26 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
27 Article – Public Safety
28 Section 1–401(a) and 3–202
29 Annotated Code of Maryland
30 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 31 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
32 Article – Public Safety
33 Section 1–401(b)(10)(vii) and 3–203(a)(12)(v)
34 Annotated Code of Maryland
35 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 36 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
37 Article – State Government
38 Section 9–1E–15(a) and 9–2404(a) and (c)(10)
39 Annotated Code of Maryland
40 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – State Government
3 Section 9–1E–15(c) and 9–2404(d)(2)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 10–1702
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 2–606(a), 4–212(b), and 5–201(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 2–606(b) and (c), 4–212(c), and 5–201(b)(6)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

24 2–201.

25 There is a State Board of Public Accountancy in the Department.

26 2–202.

27 (b) Each member of the Board shall be[:

28 (1) a citizen of the United States; and

29 (2)] a resident of the State.

30 3–201.

31 There is a State Board of Architects in the Department.

32 3–202.

(b) Each member of the Board shall be a resident ~~and citizen~~ of the State.

5–201.

There is a State Board of Cosmetologists in the Department.

5–202.

(b) Each cosmetologist member of the Board:

(1) shall have practiced cosmetology actively for at least 5 years before appointment;

(2) shall be a ~~citizen~~ **RESIDENT** of the State;

(3) may not be affiliated directly or indirectly with any cosmetology school;

(4) may not be affiliated with any person who manufactures or sells any article, supply, or merchandise that is commonly used in a beauty salon; and

(5) may not be a graduate of the same school of cosmetology as any other member of the Board.

6–201.

There is a State Board of Electricians in the Department.

6–202.

(b) Each member of the State Board shall be a ~~citizen and~~ resident of the State.

6.5–201.

There is a State Board of Stationary Engineers in the Department.

6.5–202.

(b) Each member of the Board shall be[:

(1) a citizen of the United States; and

(2)] a resident of the State.

7–201.

There is a State Board of Foresters in the Department.

1 7–202.

2 (b) Each member of the Board shall be[:

3 (1) a citizen of the United States; and

4 (2)] a resident of the State for at least 3 years.

5 8–201.

6 There is a State Board of Certified Interior Designers in the Department.

7 8–202.

8 (b) Each member of the Board shall be a resident [and citizen] of the State.

9 14–201.

10 There is a State Board for Professional Engineers in the Department.

11 14–202.

12 (b) Each member of the Board shall be[:

13 (1) a citizen of the United States; and

14 (2)] a resident of the State.

15 16–201.

16 There is a State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management
17 Companies, and Home Inspectors in the Department.

18 16–202.

19 (b) Each member of the Commission shall be a [citizen] **RESIDENT** of the State.

20 17–201.

21 There is a State Real Estate Commission in the Department.

22 17–202.

23 (b) Each member of the Commission shall be a [citizen] **RESIDENT** of the State.

1 21-201.

2 There is a State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in the Department.

3 21-202.

4 (b) Each member of the Board shall be[:

5 (1) a citizen of the United States; and

6 (2)] a resident of the State.

7 **Article – Business Regulation**

8 8-201.

9 There is a Maryland Home Improvement Commission in the Department.

10 8-202.

11 (b) Each member of the Commission shall have been a [citizen and] resident of
12 the State for at least 5 years before appointment.

13 9A-201.

14 There is a State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration
15 Contractors in the Department.

16 9A-202.

17 (c) Each member of the Board shall be[:

18 (1) a citizen of the United States; and

19 (2)] a resident of the State.

20 **Article – Correctional Services**

21 4-207.

22 (a) There is a [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Advisory Board.

23 (b) Based on recommendations of the Secretary, the Governor shall appoint the
24 members of the [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Advisory Board.

(c) The [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Advisory Board shall advise the Director and the Secretary with respect to the operation and programs of the Institution.

10-401.

In this subtitle, "committee" means a [citizens'] **RESIDENTS'** advisory committee established under this subtitle.

10-402.

There is a [citizens'] **RESIDENTS'** advisory committee for the State correctional facilities located in or planned for location in each of the following areas:

(1) Baltimore City;

(2) Cumberland;

(3) Hagerstown;

(4) Jessup; and

(5) Somerset County.

Article – Criminal Law

12-301.1.

(f) (1) There is a Maryland Amusement Game Advisory Committee.

(3) The Advisory Committee consists of:

(i) the following members appointed by the Governor:

1. two members selected from a list of five names submitted by the Maryland Amusement and Music Operators Association;

2. one member who is a local government official selected from a list of names submitted by the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League;

3. one member who is a local law enforcement officer; and

4. one [citizen] representative **WHO IS A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL**; and

(ii) the Director of the Commission, or the Director's designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Advisory Committee.

Article – Economic Development

11–202.

There is a Maryland Military Installation Council.

11–203.

(a) The Council consists of the following members:

(1) three members selected by the President of the Senate of Maryland to represent community interests, of which:

(i) one shall be a member of the Senate; and

(ii) two shall be [citizens] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** representing communities adjacent to military installations;

(2) three members selected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to represent community interests, of which:

(i) one shall be a member of the House of Delegates; and

(ii) two shall be [citizens] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** representing communities adjacent to military installations;

(3) the Secretary, or the designee of the Secretary;

(4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the designee of the Secretary of Transportation;

(5) the Secretary of the Environment, or the designee of the Secretary of the Environment;

(6) the Secretary of Planning, or the designee of the Secretary of Planning;

(7) the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families, or the designee of the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families;

(8) the Secretary of Labor, or the designee of the Secretary of Labor;

(9) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the designee of the State Superintendent;

(10) the Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard, or the designee of the Adjutant General;

- (11) the President of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance;
- (12) the President of the Army Alliance;
- (13) the President of the Military Alliance Council of Charles County;
- (14) the President of the Maritime Technology Alliance;
- (15) the President of the Fort Detrick Alliance;
- (16) the President of the Fort Meade Alliance;
- (17) the President of the Andrews Business and Community Alliance; and
- (18) six members selected by the Governor, of which at least one is a spouse of a service member.

Article – Environment

5–1102.1.

(a) (1) The Governor shall appoint a Cox Creek [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Oversight Committee.

5–1104.

(a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint a Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Oversight Committee.

(b) The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) 2 trustees from the grantee in interest, as defined in § 5–1202.2(a)(1) of the Natural Resources Article;

(2) 1 individual from the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council;

(3) 1 individual from the Essex Middle River Civic Council, Inc.;

(4) 2 interested [citizens] **RESIDENTS**, 1 of whom shall reside in the sixth legislative district, and 1 of whom shall reside in the seventh legislative district;

(5) 1 individual from the Baltimore County Waterman’s Association;

(6) 1 individual who represents the pleasure boating industry in Baltimore County;

(7) 1 individual who represents the sport fishing or crabbing industry in Baltimore County;

(8) 1 individual from the Greater Dundalk Community Council; and

(9) 1 individual from the Hart and Miller Island Area Environmental Group, Inc.

5–1104.1.

(a) (1) Subject to the approval of the members of the General Assembly of the 36th legislative district, the Governor shall appoint a Kent Island [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Oversight Committee.

(b) The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of the State Department of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee;

(2) Two representatives of the Kent Island Civic Confederation;

(3) Two [citizens] **RESIDENTS** from the 4th election district;

(4) One representative of the Maryland Watermen's Association;

(5) One representative of the Queen Anne's County Watermen's Association;

(6) One representative of the pleasure boating industry;

(7) One representative of the sport boating industry;

(8) One representative from the Maryland Port Administration;

(9) One member of the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County or the Board's designee; and

(10) One member of the Queen Anne's County Delegation or the Delegation's designee.

Article – Family Law

5–501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(g) “Local board” means a local [citizen] **RESIDENT** board of review for children in out-of-home care.

(l) “State Board” means the State [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Review Board for Children.

5-535.

There is a State [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** Review Board for Children.

5-539.

(b) The State Board shall:

(1) provide a training program for members of the local boards and local [citizens] **RESIDENTS** review panels;

(2) review and coordinate the activities of the local boards;

(3) adopt policies and procedures that relate to reports and any other information that is required for any public or private agency or institution;

(4) make recommendations to the Secretary of Human Services and the General Assembly regarding:

(i) the response of the State to child abuse and neglect; and

(ii) out-of-home care policies, procedures, and practices; and

(5) report to the Secretary of Human Services and, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the first day of each year on the status of children in out-of-home placement in this State.

5-539.1.

(c) The State Board shall:

(1) provide for public outreach and comment; and

(2) make available to the public systemic findings and recommendations of the State Board, the local [citizen] **RESIDENT** review panel, if any, and the local boards.

(d) The State Board may:

(1) by a majority vote of its members add up to four members with expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect for the purpose of performing its duties under this section; and

(2) to assist the State Board in its reviews of specific cases, designate:

(i) local teams composed of members of local boards of out-of-home care of children and staff; or

(ii) local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panels established under § 5-539.2 of this subtitle.

(e) In consultation with local citizens review panels and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the State Board shall develop protocols that govern the scope of activities of local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panels to reflect the provisions of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.).

(f) The State Board shall coordinate its activities under this section with the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the State Child Fatality Review Team, local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panels, and the local child fatality review teams in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

5-539.2.

(a) (1) A local government may establish a local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panel to assist and advise the State Board and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

(2) Two or more counties may establish a multicounty local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panel, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding executed by the governing bodies of each participating county.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c)(2) of this section, the members and chair of a local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panel shall be appointed by the local governing body.

(c) Membership on a local **[citizens] RESIDENTS** review panel shall be representative of the local jurisdiction and include:

(1) individuals with expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, such as child advocates, volunteers of the court-appointed special advocate program, attorneys who represent children, parent and consumer representatives, law enforcement representatives, and health, human, and educational services professionals; and

(2) one member from the local jurisdiction, who is appointed by the State Board and one who is appointed by the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

(d) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

1 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
2 appointed and qualifies.

3 (e) A local panel shall:

4 (1) evaluate the extent to which State and local agencies in that
5 jurisdiction are effectively fulfilling their responsibilities in accordance with the child
6 protection standards and the State plan under 42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b) and any other criteria
7 that the panel considers important for the protection of children;

8 (2) issue reports on its findings to the State Board and the State Council
9 on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

10 (3) carry out case reviews and other duties as requested to assist the State
11 Board and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

12 5-541.

13 (b) (2) Each member of a local board shall:

14 (i) be a [citizen] **RESIDENT** who has demonstrated an interest in
15 minor children through community service, professional experience, or similar activities;
16 or

17 (ii) have a background in law, sociology, psychology, psychiatry,
18 education, social work, or medicine.

19 5-544.

20 The goals of each local board are:

21 (1) as to minor children who reside in out-of-home care under the
22 jurisdiction of a local department, to conduct case reviews and individual child advocacy
23 activities in accordance with those case reviews under the protocols established by the State
24 Board;

25 (2) in cooperation with other local boards, if any, in the county, to make
26 recommendations regarding how the out-of-home care system may be improved;

27 (3) to coordinate its findings and recommendations under item (2) of this
28 section with a local [citizens] **RESIDENTS** review panel serving the county;

29 (4) to meet with the director of the local department and the judge in
30 charge of the juvenile court in the county to discuss the board's findings and
31 recommendations; and

(5) to assist the State Board in holding community forums as required in § 5–539.1 of this subtitle.

Article – General Provisions

4–1A–01.

There is a State Public Information Act Compliance Board.

4–1A–02.

(a) (2) (iii) 1. Three members of the Board shall be private [citizens] **INDIVIDUALS AND RESIDENTS** of the State.

2. A private [citizen] **INDIVIDUAL** member of the Board may not be:

A. a custodian of a public record;

B. a member of the news media; or

C. a staff member or spokesperson for an organization that represents the interests of custodians or applicants for public records.

7–317.

(a) The Governor may designate a [citizen] **RESIDENT** of the State as its Poet Laureate.

Article – Health – General

7–510.

In Part II of this subtitle, “board” means a [citizens’] **RESIDENTS’** advisory board for a State residential center.

7–511.

There is a [citizens’] **RESIDENTS’** advisory board for each State residential center.

10–410.

There is a [citizens’] **RESIDENTS’** advisory board for each State facility.

10–411.

(b) Each member of a Board shall be a [citizen] **RESIDENT** of this State.

13-2102.

There is a State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board.

13-2103.

The Advisory Board consists of the following 36 voting members:

(1) The following two members, who shall serve ex officio:

(i) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(ii) One member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

(3) The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) The Secretary of Education, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) One representative of the State Department of Education, Division of Rehabilitation Services, appointed by the Director of the Division;

(6) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Administration, appointed by the Director of the Administration;

(7) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration, appointed by the Director of the Administration;

(8) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, appointed by the Director of the Center;

(9) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs, appointed by the Director of the Office;

(10) One representative of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems, appointed by the Director of the Institute;

(11) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Health Services, appointed by the Director of the Office;

(12) One representative of the Maryland Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, appointed by the Director of the Administration;

(13) Four representatives of the Brain Injury Association of Maryland, appointed by the Executive Director of the Association;

(14) One representative of the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council, appointed by the Executive Director of the Council;

(15) One representative of the Maryland Disability Law Center, Maryland's Protection Advocacy System, appointed by the Director of the Office;

(16) One representative of the National Institutes of Health, appointed by the Director of the Institutes; and

(17) The following 16 members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) One representative of State or local law enforcement;

(ii) Six Maryland **[citizens] RESIDENTS** who have experienced a traumatic brain injury;

(iii) Five Maryland **[citizens] RESIDENTS** who are currently caring for, or are family members of, individuals who have experienced a traumatic brain injury; and

(iv) Four professionals with specialized experience in providing services to individuals with traumatic brain injuries or traumatic brain injury prevention activities.

19-508.

There is a **[citizens'] RESIDENTS'** advisory board for each center.

19-509.

(b) Each member of the board for a center **SHALL BE:**

(1) **[Shall be a citizen of this State;**

(2) **Shall be a] A** resident of a county that the center serves;

[(3)] (2) [Shall be representative] REPRESENTATIVE of the community; and

[(4)] (3) [Shall be known] **KNOWN** for an interest in civic and public affairs and for concern about the care of chronically ill individuals.

5-201.

5-202.

(i) [Be a citizen of the United States;

[(iii)] (II) Have practiced dietetics for at least 5 of the last 10 years.

(i) [Shall be a citizen of the United States;

[(iii)] (II) May not be a licensed dietitian–nutritionist or have a household member who is a licensed dietitian–nutritionist;

[(v)] (IV) May not have a financial interest in the provision of dietary goods or services to consumers.

There is a State Board of Nursing in the Department.

(c) Each member of the Board shall be[:

(2) A] A resident of this State.

1 9–201.

2 There is a State Board of Long–Term Care Administrators in the Department.

3 9–202.

4 (c) Each Board member shall[:

5 (1) Be a United States citizen or have declared an intent to become a
6 United States citizen; and

7 (2) Have] **HAVE** resided in this State for at least 1 year before appointment
8 to the Board.

9 18–201.

10 There is a State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in the Department.

11 18–202.

12 (b) Each psychologist member of the Board shall be:

13 (1) A licensed psychologist who has practiced, taught, or engaged in
14 research in psychology for at least 5 years; **AND**

15 [(2) A citizen of the United States; and

16 (3)] **(2)** A resident of this State.

17 20–201.

18 There is a State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program
19 Professionals in the Department.

20 20–202.

21 (c) Each Board member shall[:

22 (1) Be a United States citizen; and

23 (2) Have] **HAVE** resided in this State for at least 1 year before appointment
24 to the Board.

25 **Article – Labor and Employment**

26 9–301.

1 There is a State Workers' Compensation Commission established as an independent
2 unit of the State government.

3 9–302.

4 (b) (2) Each member of the Commission shall:

5 (i) be a resident of the State;

6 (ii) [be a citizen and qualified voter of the State;

7 (iii)] have been admitted to practice law in the State; and

8 [(iv)] (III) be distinguished for integrity, sound legal knowledge, and
9 wisdom.

10 Article – Natural Resources

11 8–1803.

12 (a) There is a Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal
13 Bays in the Department.

14 8–1804.

15 (a) (1) The Commission consists of 29 voting members who reflect the diversity
16 of the State and are appointed by the Governor, as follows:

17 (iii) 8 individuals, appointed with the advice and consent of the
18 Senate, who shall represent diverse interests, including underrepresented communities,
19 and among whom shall be a resident from each of the 5 counties that are listed and from
20 which an appointment has not been made under item (ii) of this paragraph and 3 of the 8
21 members appointed under this item shall be at large members, 1 of whom shall be a private
22 [citizen] **INDIVIDUAL** and resident of the Atlantic Coastal Bays Watershed; and

23 Article – Public Safety

24 1–401.

25 (a) There is a Sexual Offender Advisory Board.

26 (b) The Board consists of the following members:

27 (10) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

28 (vii) two [citizen] members **WHO ARE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.**

1 3–202.

2 There is a Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, which is an
3 independent commission that functions in the Department.

4 3–203.

5 (a) The Commission consists of the following members:

6 (12) the following individuals, appointed by the Governor with the advice
7 and consent of the Senate:

8 (v) three [citizens] **RESIDENTS** of the State who represent different
9 geographic areas of the State and do not have relationships to law enforcement.

10 Article – State Government

11 9–1E–15.

12 (a) There is a Sports Wagering Application Review Commission.

13 (c) A member of the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission:

14 (1) shall be at least 21 years old;

15 (2) [shall be a citizen of the United States;

16 (3)] shall be a resident of the State;

17 [(4)] **(3)** shall be knowledgeable and experienced in fiscal matters and
18 shall have at least 10 years of substantial experience:

19 (i) as an executive with fiduciary responsibilities in charge of a large
20 organization or foundation;

21 (ii) in an academic field relating to finance or economics; or

22 (iii) as an economist, a financial analyst, or an accountant, or as a
23 professional in a similar profession relating to fiscal matters or economics;

24 [(5)] **(4)** may not have been convicted of or granted probation before
25 judgment for a serious crime or a crime that involves gambling or moral turpitude;

26 [(6)] **(5)** may not have an official relationship to a person that is applying
27 for or holds a license under this subtitle or Subtitle 1D of this title;

1 **[(7)] (6)** may not have any direct or indirect financial interest, ownership,
2 or management, including holding any stocks, bonds, or other similar financial interests in
3 any gaming activities, including horse racing, video lottery terminals, fantasy competitions,
4 or lottery;

5 **[(8)] (7)** may not receive or share in, directly or indirectly, the receipts or
6 proceeds of any gaming activities, including horse racing or lottery;

7 **[(9)] (8)** may not have a beneficial interest in any contract for the
8 manufacture or sale of gaming devices, the conduct of any gaming activity, or the provision
9 of any independent consulting services in connection with any gaming establishment or
10 gaming activity;

11 **[(10)] (9)** may not be an elected official of State or local government; and

12 **[(11)] (10)** shall file a financial disclosure statement with the State Ethics
13 Commission in accordance with Title 15, Subtitle 6 of this article.

14 9–2404.

15 (a) There is a Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

16 (c) Of the 18 Council members:

17 (10) nine shall be from the general public.

18 (d) (2) Of the nine members from the general public:

19 (i) five shall be deaf and hard of hearing individuals;

20 (ii) one shall be a private **[citizen] INDIVIDUAL** with special
21 knowledge or expertise relating to services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals;

22 (iii) one shall be a parent of a deaf or hard of hearing child;

23 (iv) one shall be from a private agency providing services to deaf and
24 hard of hearing individuals; and

25 (v) one shall be a person with special knowledge or expertise relating
26 to services to individuals who are deafblind.

27 **10–1702.**

28 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

(1) A STANDING COMMITTEE, AS DEFINED IN § 2-101 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(2) A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF ANY BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE, OR WORKGROUP CREATED BY STATE LAW SHALL REFLECT THE FULL DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

Article – Transportation

2-606.

(a) The Governor shall appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide guidance to State agencies concerning:

(1) Funding of bicycle and pedestrian related programs;

(2) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian related activities;

(3) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian safety; and

(4) Any other issue directly related to bicycling and pedestrians.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the following:

(1) One representative each from:

(i) The Department of Transportation;

(ii) The Department of Natural Resources;

(iii) The State Department of Education;

(iv) The Department of State Police;

(v) The Department of Commerce;

(vi) The Maryland Department of Health;

(vii) The Department of Planning;

(viii) The Department of Disabilities; and

(ix) The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

(2) One [citizen member] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL** from each of the following areas:

(i) The Eastern Shore;

(ii) Western Maryland; and

(iii) Southern Maryland;

(3) Two [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** from each of the following areas:

(i) The Baltimore metropolitan area; and

(ii) The Washington metropolitan area; and

(4) Up to six [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** selected to represent the interests of bicyclists, pedestrians, and the disabled community to include:

(i) A representative of individuals who are visually impaired; and

(ii) A representative of individuals who are mobility impaired.

(c) One of the [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** selected under subsection (b) of this section shall have an expertise in bicycle and pedestrian safety.

4–212.

(b) There is a Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group in the Department.

(c) The Advisory Group consists of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) The State Highway Administrator, or the Administrator’s designee;

(3) The Executive Director of the Authority, or the Executive Director’s designee;

(4) Two [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** appointed by the Anne Arundel County Council;

(5) Two [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** appointed by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; and

(6) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) Three [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** who live in Anne Arundel County and are familiar with issues faced by commuters who cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge; and

(ii) Three [citizen members] **PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS** who live in Queen Anne's County and are familiar with issues faced by commuters who cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

5–201.

(a) There is a Maryland Aviation Commission.

(b) The Commission shall:

(6) In carrying out the provisions of this subtitle:

(i) Consider information and advice from:

1. The air carrier industry;
2. The airport concessionaire industry;
3. The airline support services industry;
4. [Citizen] **RESIDENT** advisory groups;
5. Airport employees or their representatives;
6. Local government;
7. [Citizens] **RESIDENTS** from communities near airports;

and

8. Other Maryland communities that have, or are predicted to have, potentially adverse health or community impacts from airport infrastructure and economic growth decisions; and

(ii) Consider the aviation, economic, business, environmental, health, and community-related impacts or any other impacts the Commission finds relevant to the decisions of the Commission or the Administration.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.