

HOUSE BILL 809

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By: **Delegate Vogel**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, or Workgroups –**
3 **Removal or Suspension**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a member of a certain board, committee, commission,
5 task force, or workgroup created by State law may be removed or suspended for
6 misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duties, or other good cause by the individual or
7 entity that appointed the member under certain circumstances; requiring certain
8 procedures to be followed before a certain member may be removed or suspended;
9 and generally relating to the removal or suspension of members of boards,
10 committees, commissions, task forces, and workgroups.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 10–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Miscellaneous”
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 **SUBTITLE 17. MISCELLANEOUS.**

20 **10–1701.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MEMBER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED FOR A**
22 **FIXED TERM TO A BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE, OR WORKGROUP**
23 **CREATED BY STATE LAW.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER FROM:

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

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

(C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A MEMBER OF A BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE, OR WORKGROUP CREATED BY STATE LAW MAY BE REMOVED OR SUSPENDED FOR MISCONDUCT, INCOMPETENCE, NEGLIGENCE OF DUTIES, OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT APPOINTED THE MEMBER.

(D) AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT APPOINTED A MEMBER MAY REMOVE OR SUSPEND THE MEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION ONLY AFTER:

(1) CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, TASK FORCE, OR WORKGROUP; AND

(2) THE MEMBER HAS BEEN GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD REGARDING THE REASON FOR REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.