

Chapter 776

(House Bill 236)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Affordable Housing Commission**PG 408–18**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to review certain procedures and practices and use certain information to examine the state of affordable housing in the county; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That:

- (a) There is an Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County.
- (b) The Commission consists of the following members:
 - (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) the chair of the Housing Authority of Prince George's County or the chair's designee; and
 - (4) the following members, appointed by the County Executive:
 - (i) two representatives of the housing industry, including representatives of the Home Builders Association of Maryland and the Maryland Association of Realtors;
 - (ii) two representatives of banking or lending institutions;
 - (iii) two representatives of rental property owner organizations;
 - (iv) two representatives of affordable housing programs of

municipalities in the county; and

(v) four members of the public.

(c) The County Executive shall designate the chair of the Commission.

(d) The County Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) review the procedures and practices currently used in the county administration of housing and community development policies;

(2) use existing studies, reports, and census data to examine the state of affordable housing in the county, including:

(i) the need for the preservation and production of rental housing, special needs housing, transitional housing, and shelters for the homeless;

(ii) homeownership opportunities;

(iii) possible barriers to the creation of affordable housing, including economic factors, local government regulations and procedures, and community perceptions;

(iv) successful State and national housing initiatives;

(v) challenges facing healthy, at-risk, distressed, and blighted communities; and

(vi) the impact of housing choice vouchers and other forms of housing assistance; and

(3) examine industry trends in the location, production, and rehabilitation of single-family and multifamily housing.

(g) On or before January 1, 2019, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the members of the Prince George's County Senate delegation to the

General Assembly, the members of the Prince George's County House delegation to the General Assembly, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.