

SENATE BILL 662

P2

5lr2003

By: **Senators Ready, Brochin, Eckardt, and Edwards**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Finance and Procurement – One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission; providing for
4 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the
5 Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to review the current
7 State procurement process and develop policy recommendations to ensure greater
8 participation of businesses located in the State in State contracting; requiring the
9 Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
11 generally relating to the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission.

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission.

15 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

16 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
17 the Senate;

18 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House of Delegates; and

20 (3) the following representatives appointed by the Governor:

21 (i) five regional business owner representatives, one each from the
22 Western, Capital, Southern, Central, and Eastern Shore regions of the State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) a representative from the Department of Business and Economic
2 Development;
- 3 (iii) a representative from the Board of Public Works;
- 4 (iv) a representative from the Department of Public Safety and
5 Correctional Services;
- 6 (v) a representative from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
7 Regulation;
- 8 (vi) a representative from the Maryland Municipal League;
- 9 (vii) a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 10 (viii) a representative from the Maryland Economic Development
11 Corporation; and
- 12 (ix) a representative from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.
- 13 (c) The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Commission.
- 14 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide staff
15 for the Commission.
- 16 (e) A member of the Commission:
- 17 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but
- 18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 20 (f) The Commission shall:
- 21 (1) review the advantages and disadvantages for businesses located in the
22 State with regard to the current State procurement process;
- 23 (2) review current State incentives for businesses located in the State to
24 participate in State contracts;
- 25 (3) review geographic partnerships to determine whether State agencies
26 are contracting with businesses located in the State; and
- 27 (4) develop policy recommendations on how the State can improve the
28 procurement process to ensure greater participation of businesses located in the State in
29 State contracting.

1 (g) On or before December 31, 2015, the Commission shall report its findings and
2 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
3 Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2016,
6 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
7 of no further force and effect.