

(k) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Environment.

SUBTITLE 7. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE" MEANS EQUAL PROTECTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS FOR ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF RACE, INCOME, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL STATUS.

(B) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES.

(C) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 15 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 SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;  
AND

(6) TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHO REPRESENT THE FOLLOWING INTERESTS:

(I) AFFECTED COMMUNITIES CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE;

(II) BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS;

(III) ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

(IV) HEALTH EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE;

(V) LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND

(VI) THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH INTEREST OR EXPERTISE IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

(D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IS 3 YEARS.

(2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(3) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.