AN ACT to:
   (1) establish a Housing Advisory Commission; and
   (2) generally amend the housing policy law.

By amending
   Montgomery County Code
   Chapter 25B, Housing Policy
   Section 25B-7

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Section 25B-7 is amended as follows:


(a) Definition. In this section “Commission” means the Housing Advisory Commission.

(b) Established. The County Executive must appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Council, a Housing Advisory Commission.

(c) Composition and terms of members.

(1) The Commission has 15 members.

(2) The Executive must appoint a representative from each of the following departments to serve as ex officio members:

(A) the Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and

(B) the Department of Health and Human Services;

(3) The Executive must invite a representative from each of the following agencies to serve as ex officio members:

(A) the County Planning Board; and

(B) the Housing Opportunities Commission.

(4) The County Executive must appoint individuals from different geographic areas of the County who have significant professional or volunteer experience in affordable housing issues to serve on the Commission. The members should include:

(A) nonprofit and for-profit developers of affordable housing;

(B) national, state, or local affordable housing policy experts;

(C) persons with experience in lending and financial institutions;

(D) members of civic and homeowner associations;

(E) residents or potential residents of affordable housing;

(F) nonprofit providers of services to residents of affordable housing;
(G) persons involved in real estate sales; and

(H) other persons with experience in affordable housing issues.

(5) The term of each member is 3 years. After an appointment to fill a vacancy before a term expires, the successor serves the rest of the unexpired term.

(d) Voting, officers, meetings, and compensation.

(1) All members of the Commission are voting members.

(2) The Commission must elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members to serve 1-year terms.

(3) The Commission meets at the call of the Chair. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than 6 times each year.

(4) A member must serve without compensation. However, a member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

(e) Duties. The Commission must:

(1) advise the County Executive and County Council on affordable housing policy issues;

(2) examine national best practices and develop recommendations to enhance County efforts to promote and provide affordable housing for households of all income levels; and

(3) recommend priorities for implementation from the County Housing Policy.

(f) Annual Report. By October 1 each year, the Commission must submit to the County Executive and the County Council an annual report on its functions, activities, accomplishments, and plans and objectives.
(g) **Advocacy.** The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

(h) **Staff.** The Chief Administrative Officer must provide appropriate staff to the Commission.

**Sec. 2. Transition.** The County Executive may stagger the initial terms of the members appointed under Section 25B-7(c)(4) so that approximately one-third of the terms of these members expire each year.

*Approved:

| George L. Leventhal, President, County Council | Date |
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| Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive | Date |
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*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

| Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council | Date |
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