

## CHAPTER 684

(House Bill 791)

AN ACT concerning

## Regional Planning Council - Members and Staff

FOR the purpose of altering the ex officio membership of the Regional Planning Council to include the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Employment Development, the Secretary of the Department of the Environment, and the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development; altering the number of certain staff of the Regional Planning Council; and generally relating to the members and staff of the Regional Planning Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78D - Regional Planning Council  
Section 4(i) and 10  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

## Article 78D - Regional Planning Council

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(i) The Secretary of State Planning, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Natural Resources, THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall serve ex officio as members of The Council, except that each ex officio member may appoint an alternate as his representative to The Council. Ex officio members and their alternates shall not have voting rights and powers.

10.

The employment, compensation, and tenure of an executive officer may be made by the Regional Planning Council without being subject to any of the provisions and restrictions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System." [Said] THE executive officer (with the approval of The Council) may appoint [three] 4 additional department or section heads without being subject to the provisions and restrictions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System." The Council may also employ or retain counsel or