

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative day 2

RESOLUTION NO. 37 - 2023

Introduced by: Deb Jung

A RESOLUTION expressing the County Council's support for State Senate Bill 162 and House Bill 204, which would amend the composition and duties of the Maryland Aviation Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Feb 6, 2023.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Feb 6, 2023.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on Feb 6, 2023.

Certified by

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) has
2 a significant impact on both the business and residential sectors in Howard County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Aviation Commission (MAC) is responsible for establishing
4 policies to improve and promote the role of BWI as an airport of service to the Washington-
5 Baltimore Metropolitan area; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it is vital for the MAC to consider the impact of aviation infrastructure,
7 including construction projects and flight paths, on impacted individuals and communities and to
8 mitigate any adverse health and environmental impacts on those individuals and communities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, State Senate Bill 162 and House Bill 204 propose that the MAC establish
10 policies on how to support healthy, livable communities near BWI and recommend ways to
11 mitigate potential adverse effects on neighboring and impacted communities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the MAC would be better informed of the needs of impacted communities
13 by having four of the members appointed from the District of Columbia Metroplex BWI
14 Community Roundtable, by giving members orientation information on how to mitigate negative
15 effects of BWI on neighboring communities, and by considering information and advice from
16 citizens of communities near airports, local governments, and other communities impacted by
17 airport infrastructure decisions.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
19 Maryland this 6 day of Feb , 2023, that the County Council favors the passage
20 of State Senate Bill 162 and House Bill 204, which would amend the composition and duties of
21 the Maryland Aviation Commission; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administrator of the County Council shall send
23 a copy of this Resolution to State Senators Lam, Beidle, Elfreth, and Guzzone, and to Delegates
24 Hill, Bagnall, Chang, Feldmark, Grossman, Guzzone, Lehman, Ruth, Terrasa, and Ziegler
25 requesting that they share the Council’s support with the other members of the General Assembly
26 in the way best suited to hasten the passage of Senate Bill 162 and House Bill 204.