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## **Kumar P. Barve is Newest Commissioner on the Maryland Public Service Commission**

*Commissioner Patty Bubar steps down from the PSC bench as of May 31, 2023*

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – Kumar P. Barve has officially been sworn in as a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission. Commissioner Barve was appointed by Governor Wes Moore to succeed Commissioner Patrice M. Bubar, who has served since May 18, 2022.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Barve had served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 1991, holding leadership roles including Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, and Chair of the Montgomery County House delegation. While in the General Assembly he worked on issues including environmental regulation, energy generation and conservation, and greenhouse gas reduction. Notably, he was the first Indian-American in the country to be elected to a state legislature.

A graduate of Paint Branch High School in Silver Spring, Commissioner Barve received a B.S. in Accounting from Georgetown University. He is a resident of Rockville, Maryland. Commissioner Barve is expected to take his seat on the bench in the next week.

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