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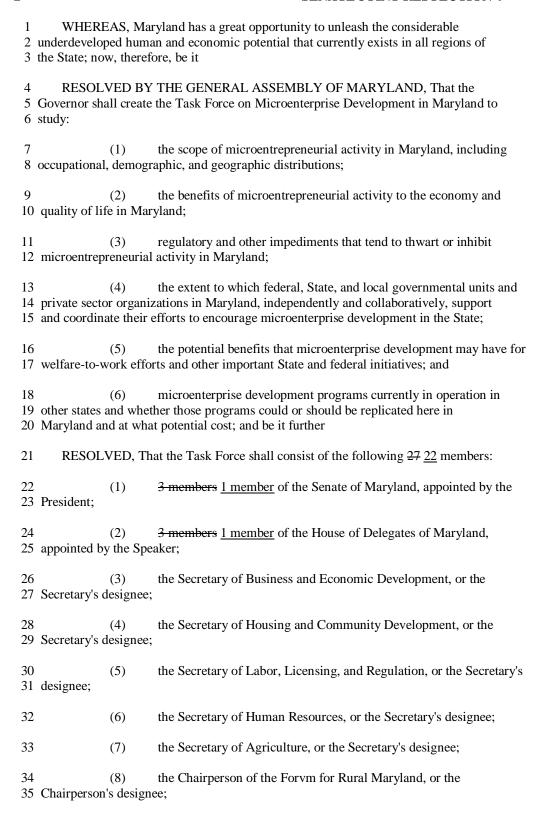
RESOLUTION NO.____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 Task Force on Microenterprise Development in Maryland

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to establish a Task Force on
- 4 Microenterprise Development in Maryland; providing for the membership,
- 5 responsibilities, staffing, and duration of the Task Force; requiring a certain
- 6 report by a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task
- 7 Force on Microenterprise Development in Maryland.
- 8 WHEREAS, Approximately 85% of all new jobs in Maryland are created by
- 9 small businesses, and many of these jobs are created by very small businesses, known
- 10 as "microenterprises", which employ 5 or fewer employees; and
- WHEREAS, Microenterprise development has significant economic and societal
- 12 benefits for urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Government and private sector programs and services designed to
- 14 further economic and community development are not ordinarily accessible to
- 15 microentrepreneurs; and
- WHEREAS, A considerable entrepreneurial spirit exists among many Maryland
- 17 residents that is thwarted by regulatory barriers and a lack of access to training,
- 18 technical assistance, and capital; and
- 19 WHEREAS, A number of other states, including Virginia and North Carolina,
- 20 have established state programs to support microenterprise development; and



1 2	(9) 1 representative appointed by the Maryland Bankers Association with experience in community reinvestment;	
3	(10) 1 representative of a development company that is certified by the Maryland Small Business Administration, appointed by the Governor;	
5	(11) 1 representative of the Maryland Municipal League;	
6	(12) 1 representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;	
7 8	(13) 1 county or municipal economic development director, appointed the Governor;	эу
9 10	(14) 1 representative of the Maryland Center for Community Development;	
11 12	(15) 1 representative of the Maryland Association of Community Actional Agencies a local chamber of commerce;	n
13	(16) 1 representative of the Maryland Center for Economic Developme	nt;
14 15	(17) 1 representative of the Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore an organization representing women entrepreneurs;	
16	(18) 1 representative of the Maryland Capital Enterprises;	
17	(19) 1 representative of the Maryland Association of Community Colle	ges;
18 19	(20) (19) 1 representative of an institution of higher education with interest in microenterprise development, appointed by the Governor; and	an
	(21) (20) 3 microentrepreneurs, appointed by the Governor from a nominees submitted by appropriate governmental units and nonprofit organizations, at least 1 of which resides in a rural area of the State; and be it further	list of
23 24	RESOLVED, That the Governor shall select a chairperson from among the members of the Task Force; and be it further	
	RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Business and Economic Development Governor's Legislative Office using existing appropriate resources; and be it further	
	RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations, as provided in § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly and to the Governor not later than December 1, 1999; and be it further	
	RESOLVED, That, with no further action required by the General Assembly or the Governor, after December 1, 1999, the Task Force shall no longer exist; and be it further	

- RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.