

HOUSE BILL 740

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Appropriations/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph, W. Baker, Bohanan, Stull, D'Amato, Hecht,
Bozman, James, Boutin, and Glassman**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation**
3 **Foundation**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural
5 Land Preservation Foundation; specifying the membership and duties of the
6 Task Force; providing for the appointment of a chairman of the Task Force;
7 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation;
8 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain
9 expenses; providing for meetings of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
10 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates;
11 providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural
13 Land Preservation Foundation.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Agriculture

1 Section 2-517
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Agriculture**

7 2-517.

8 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND
 9 PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

10 (B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ~~4~~ 18 MEMBERS:

11 (1) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO
 12 BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

13 (2) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND TO
 14 BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

15 (3) ~~THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL~~
 16 ~~LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;~~

17 ~~(4)~~ THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

18 ~~(5)~~ (4) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE
 19 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

20 ~~(6)~~ (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, OR THE
 21 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; ~~AND~~

22 ~~(7)~~ (6) EIGHT THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE
 23 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

24 (7) TEN MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FOLLOWS:

25 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
 26 MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;

27 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU;

28 (III) ONE MEMBER FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST;

29 (IV) ONE MEMBER ~~REPRESENTING CONSERVATION GROUPS IN THE~~
 30 STATE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION;

31 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
 32 COUNTIES;

1 (VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND
2 PRESERVATION PROGRAM;

3 (VII) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND GRANGE; ~~AND~~

4 (VIII) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL
5 COMMISSION;

6 ~~(IX)~~ ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING FORESTRY GROUPS IN THE
7 STATE; AND

8 ~~(X)~~ ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND LAND TRUST ALLIANCE.

9 (C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEMPT TO
10 ENSURE REGIONAL, ECONOMIC, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY ON THE
11 COMMISSION.

12 ~~(D)~~ (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

13 ~~(E)~~ (E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION
14 FOR SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
15 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
16 THE STATE BUDGET.

17 ~~(F)~~ (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AT THE
18 CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.

19 ~~(G)~~ (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

20 (1) STUDY THE CURRENT PROGRAM AND PRACTICES OF THE MARYLAND
21 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;

22 (2) STUDY THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE MARYLAND
23 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION; ~~AND~~

24 ~~(3)~~ (3) REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION
25 AFFECTING THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION
26 CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE 2000 SESSION, INCLUDING
27 SENATE BILL 255/HOUSE BILL 186, SENATE BILL 393/HOUSE BILL 615, SENATE BILL
28 443, AND HOUSE BILL 162; AND

29 ~~(4)~~ (4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM,
30 PRACTICES, AND FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND
31 PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

32 ~~(G)~~ (H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT OF ITS
33 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246
34 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
35 DECEMBER 1, 2000, AND SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
36 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2001.

1 ~~(H)~~ (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL COORDINATE WITH
2 OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE TASK FORCE.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
5 end of July 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
6 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.