

SENATE BILL 283

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* --

Introduced by **Senators Conway, Currie, Della, Exum, Frosh, Hollinger,  
Hughes, Kelley, Lawlah, McFadden, Mitchell, Pinsky, Sfikas,  
Teitelbaum, and Van Hollen**

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

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President.

CHAPTER 591

1 AN ACT concerning

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**Task Force on Indoor Air Quality**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality; providing for  
4 certain membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the  
5 designation of a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue a  
6 certain report by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
7 receiving certain compensation; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
8 participating in certain activities of the Task Force under certain circumstances;  
9 authorizing a member to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the  
10 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Indoor Air  
11 Quality.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality.

- (b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~13-16~~ 20 members:
- (1) Two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (4) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee; and
  - (5) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (6) ~~Six~~ Nine ~~Thirteen~~ members appointed by the Governor as follows:
    - (i) Two representatives of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) repair industries;
    - (ii) Two representatives of not-for-profit organizations that focus on indoor air quality and related health issues, one of which shall come from the Maryland Industrial Hygiene Council; and
    - (iii) One representative from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health;
    - (iv) One representative of local government;
    - (v) One building owner or manager; and
    - (vi) Two citizens affected by HVAC-related illnesses;
    - (vii) One representative from the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association;
    - (viii) One representative from the Maryland Hotel and Motel Association;
    - (ix) One physician representative of the Maryland College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine with credentials and experience in the evaluation and treatment of illnesses related to indoor air quality; and
    - (x) One person with expertise in architecture or building design and engineering.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.
- (d) The Task Force shall:

1 (1) Study the nature, location, and extent of health and environmental  
2 risks posed to workers as a result of molds, spores, and other toxic organisms located  
3 in the HVAC systems of ~~office~~ office buildings, including:

4 (i) The relative risks associated with the manufacture,  
5 maintenance, and repair of HVAC systems;

6 (ii) Actual and projected costs for the medical treatment of  
7 HVAC-related illnesses; and

8 (iii) Actual and projected costs in loss of worker productivity  
9 because of HVAC-related illnesses;

10 (2) Make recommendations regarding:

11 (i) The prevention of workers' HVAC-related illnesses, including a  
12 monitoring program to identify the probable onset of HVAC-related illnesses and  
13 their underlying causes;

14 (ii) The institution of appropriate remedies and controls in ~~office~~  
15 office buildings that, because of the dangers of indoor air quality, expose workers to  
16 unwarranted health risks, including the best available treatment technology and the  
17 feasibility of voluntary prevention and pollution reduction programs;

18 (iii) A plan to provide educational information and, as may be  
19 necessary, warnings to affected workers regarding health and environmental risks  
20 associated with the indoor air quality of their ~~office~~ office building sites; and

21 (iv) Legislative or regulatory measures that are necessary and  
22 appropriate to address current gaps in federal, State, and local protection of ~~office~~  
23 office workers from HVAC-borne toxins; and

24 (3) Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the  
25 Governor, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General  
26 Assembly, on or before July 1, 2002.

27 (e) ~~The Department of the Environment, in cooperation with other~~  
28 ~~appropriate State agencies; State agencies represented on the Task Force~~ shall  
29 provide staff support for the Task Force.

30 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
31 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
32 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

33 (g) A member of the Task Force who misses two meetings of the Task Force may  
34 not participate in any decision making processes or recommendations of the Task  
35 Force.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the

- 1 end of July 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 2 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.