

# HOUSE BILL 909

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By: **Delegate McDonough**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Regulation of Surgical First Assistants**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Regulation of Surgical  
4 First Assistants; providing for the composition and staffing of the Task Force;  
5 specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for certain reimbursement for  
6 travel expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
7 recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
8 this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study the Regulation of  
9 Surgical First Assistants.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Regulation of Surgical First  
13 Assistants.

14 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 11 members:

15 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
16 of the Senate;

17 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
18 the House;

19 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
20 designee; and

21 (4) the following eight members, appointed by the Governor:

22 (i) one representative from the State Board of Physicians;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) one representative of the Maryland State Medical Society;
- 2 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;
- 3 (iv) one representative of the National Surgical Assistant  
4 Association;
- 5 (v) one representative of the Maryland Ambulatory Surgical  
6 Association; and
- 7 (vi) three consumer members.

8 (c) The Board shall designate the chair of the Task Force from among the  
9 appointed Board members.

10 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the  
11 Task Force.

12 (e) A member of the Task Force:

13 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
15 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) The Task Force shall:

17 (1) study the regulation of surgical first assistants; and

18 (2) make recommendations regarding the creation of a licensing  
19 process for surgical first assistants in Maryland.

20 (g) On or before January 1, 2010, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
21 recommendations in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the  
22 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House  
23 Health and Government Operations Committee.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
26 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.