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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease; providing for
4 the membership of the Task Force; designating the chair of the Task Force;
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation;
6 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursement;
7 requiring a certain person to designate certain staff for the Task Force;
8 requiring the Task Force to survey certain research, practices, and approaches
9 regarding Alzheimer’s disease; requiring the Task Force to make certain
10 recommendations; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report to the
11 Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Alzheimer’s
13 Disease.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease.

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

18 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
19 of the Senate;

20 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
2 designee;
- 3 (4) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4 (5) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
6 Secretary's designee;
- 7 (7) the Commissioner of the Insurance Administration, or the
8 Commissioner's designee; and
- 9 (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 10 (i) a representative of the United States Department of
11 Veterans Affairs with expertise in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;
- 12 (ii) a representative of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater
13 Maryland Chapter;
- 14 (iii) a physician currently conducting research in Alzheimer's
15 disease and related dementias;
- 16 (iv) a psychiatrist with expertise in Alzheimer's disease and
17 related dementias;
- 18 (v) a psychologist with expertise in Alzheimer's disease and
19 related dementias;
- 20 (vi) a physician with expertise in end-of-life care and pain
21 management;
- 22 (vii) a registered nurse with expertise in Alzheimer's disease and
23 related dementias;
- 24 (viii) a licensed nurse practitioner with expertise in end-of-life
25 care and pain management;
- 26 (ix) an individual with early onset Alzheimer's disease;
- 27 (x) an individual with early stage Alzheimer's disease; and
- 28 (xi) two family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's
29 disease.

1 (c) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall designate the chair of
2 the Task Force.

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

5 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

9 (f) The Task Force shall:

10 (1) survey current Alzheimer's disease research;

11 (2) survey practices being used and approaches being taken in the
12 State regarding Alzheimer's disease; and

13 (3) make recommendations regarding the steps the State should take
14 in dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

15 (g) On or before September 30, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings
16 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
17 Government Article, the General Assembly.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
20 September 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
21 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.