

HOUSE BILL 303

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ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Nathan–Pulliam, Oaks, Bromwell, Burns, Costa, Cullison, Donoghue, ~~Elliott~~, Haynes, Jones, Kach, A. Kelly, Kipke, McDonough, Morhaim, Murphy, Pena–Melnyk, Reznik, Rosenberg, Tarrant, ~~and V. Turner~~ V. Turner, Hammen, Pendergrass, and Hubbard**

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 Point–of–Care Testing for Lead Poisoning**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Point–of–Care Testing for
4 Lead Poisoning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the
8 use of and reimbursement for point–of–care testing to screen and identify
9 children with elevated blood–lead levels; requiring the Task Force to report its
10 findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain legislative
11 committees on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for
2 Lead Poisoning.

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That:

5 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning.

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

7 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
8 President of the Senate;

9 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
10 of the House;

11 (3) one representative of the Laboratories Administration and one
12 representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program of the Department of
13 Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental
14 Hygiene; and

15 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

16 (i) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American
17 Academy of Pediatrics;

18 (ii) one representative of the Laboratory Advisory Committee;

19 (iii) one representative of a Medicaid managed care organization;

20 (iv) two public health experts; and

21 (v) one representative of the Coalition to End Childhood Lead
22 Poisoning.

23 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

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

26 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

1 (f) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) study and make recommendations regarding the use of and
3 reimbursement for point-of-care testing to screen and identify children with elevated
4 blood-lead levels; and

5 (2) include in its study:

6 (i) the benefits of point-of-care testing waived under the
7 federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments;

8 (ii) the use of point-of-care testing in other states;

9 (iii) barriers to point-of-care testing, including regulatory
10 barriers related to licensing of medical laboratories;

11 (iv) appropriate reimbursement for point-of-care testing and
12 reporting; and

13 (v) any other items the Task Force considers important *relating*
14 *to point-of-care testing*.

15 (g) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and
16 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
17 Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and House Health and
18 Government Operations Committee.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
21 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.