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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup on Cancer Clusters**  
3 **and Environmental Causes of Cancer**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
5 consultation with the Department of the Environment, to convene a certain  
6 workgroup to examine certain issues; requiring the workgroup to include  
7 certain legislators and representatives; requiring the Department of Health and  
8 Mental Hygiene to report the findings and any recommendations of the  
9 workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
10 date; and generally relating to cancer clusters and environmental causes of  
11 cancer.

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

14 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the  
15 Department of the Environment, shall convene a workgroup to examine issues  
16 relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential  
17 environmental causes of cancer, including:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (1) the process that State agencies use to research and identify cancer  
2 clusters in the State;

3 (2) communication between State agencies and between State and  
4 federal agencies regarding research about and the identification of cancer clusters and  
5 potential environmental causes of cancer;

6 (3) research being conducted by the academic medical institutions in  
7 the State on potential cancer clusters and how findings from this research are  
8 communicated to the appropriate State and federal agencies; and

9 (4) whether additional information regarding potential cancer clusters  
10 and potential environmental causes of cancer should be provided in annual reports to  
11 the public.

12 (b) (1) The workgroup required under this section shall include:

13 (i) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
14 President of the Senate;

15 (ii) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
16 Speaker of the House;

17 (iii) representatives of academic medical institutions in the  
18 State, advocates for cancer patients, ~~legislators,~~ scientists, and environmentalists; and

19 (iv) at least one representative of a manufacturing business in  
20 the State.

21 (2) In selecting members of the workgroup described in paragraph  
22 (1)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall  
23 include representatives from both urban and rural areas of the State.

24 (3) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall invite  
25 representatives of federal agencies to participate in the workgroup.

26 (c) On or before June 30, 2014, the Department of Health and Mental  
27 Hygiene shall report the findings of the workgroup required under this section and  
28 any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
29 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2013.