

**SB0364/692914/1**

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 364  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force on Marijuana Decriminalization and Diversion”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Marijuana Decriminalization and Diversion; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Marijuana Decriminalization and Diversion.”

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 34, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 36, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 37 on page 2 through line 3 on page 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Marijuana Decriminalization and Diversion.

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

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- (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, or the Executive Director's designee;
- (6) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee; and
- (7) the following representatives, appointed by the Governor:
  - (i) a State's Attorney;
  - (ii) a representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Inc.;
  - (iii) a representative of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association;
  - (iv) a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union;
  - (v) a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;

(vi) a representative of a nonprofit organization that seeks to prevent, study, or assist those affected by drug addiction;

(vii) a representative of a nonprofit organization that seeks to reduce penalties for or legalize the use of marijuana;

(viii) a representative of a nonprofit organization that opposes decriminalization or legalization of the use of marijuana;

(ix) a scientist who has experience in the science of marijuana and has studied its effects on the population; and

(x) a representative of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

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

(d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding:

(1) whether Maryland should decriminalize the use and possession of marijuana, and if so, what the details of such a plan to decriminalize marijuana should be; and

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(2) whether Maryland should implement a program or programs for diversion or treatment of people whose marijuana use has reached problematic levels, and if so, what the details of such a program or programs should be.

(g) On or before December 31, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 11, strike line 5 in its entirety and substitute “June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.