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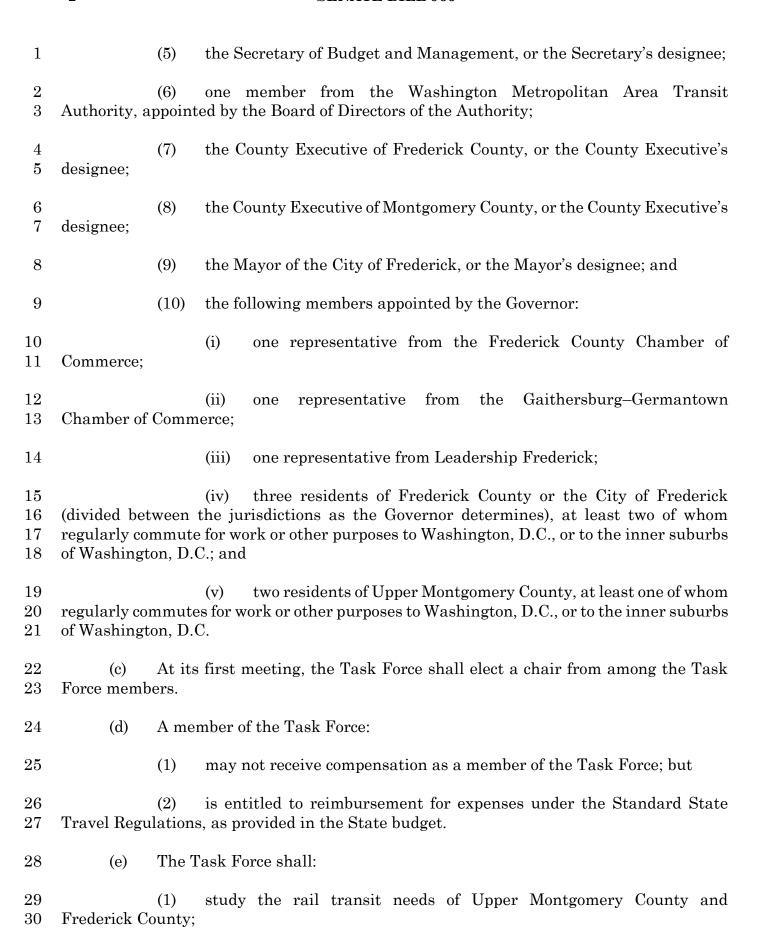
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of Gaithersburg 3 to the City of Frederick 4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From 5 the City of Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick; providing for the membership, 6 chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consider certain 7 transportation-related issues and make recommendations relating to extending 8 Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick; requiring 9 the Task Force to report 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 10 11 Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of Gaithersburg to 12 the City of Frederick. SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13 That: 14 15 There is a Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of 16 Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick. 17 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members: 18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of 19 the Senate: 20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of 21 the House; 22 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee; 23 the Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration, or the 24 Administrator's designee;





- 1 (2)identify and evaluate potential rights-of-way for stations and other 2 infrastructure that would be needed to extend Metrorail service from the City of 3 Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick; 4 estimate the cost of extending Metrorail service from the City of 5 Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick; 6 (4) estimate the economic impact on Montgomery County, Frederick 7 County (including the City of Frederick), the State, and the Washington metropolitan region of extending Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper 8 9 Montgomery County to the City of Frederick; and 10 study and make recommendations regarding: (5)11 the amount of funding needed to support extending Metrorail 12 service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of 13 Frederick: and 14 (ii) potential funding sources and mechanisms to support extending Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the 15 16 City of Frederick. 17 (f) The Task Force may: 18 conduct site visits to view rail transportation systems in Maryland and (1) 19 in other jurisdictions; and 20 (2) hold public hearings and solicit input from interested persons, 21including: 22the county and municipal governing bodies in Montgomery 23County and Frederick County; 24 citizens from throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region who utilize Metrorail or other transit service or who otherwise are interested in the 2526 availability of mass transit service; and 27 other members of the public. (iii) 28 The Department of Transportation and the governments of Montgomery
- 31 (h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor 32 and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or 33 before October 1, 2017.

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Force.

County, Frederick County, and the City of Frederick shall provide staff support for the Task

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.