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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 628
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force on the Tourism Industry in Maryland”; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 3 down through “Board” in line 6 and substitute “establishing the Task Force on the Tourism Industry in Maryland; 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 the Tourism Industry in Maryland”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 18, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force on the Tourism Industry in Maryland.

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

(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;

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(3) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Director of the Office of Tourism Development, or the Director's designee;

(5) the Administrator of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, or the Administrator's designee;

(6) one representative of the Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations, designated by the Association;

(7) one representative of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, designated by the Coalition; and

(8) five representatives of small and minority entities participating in the tourism industry, appointed by the Governor.

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

(d) The Office of Tourism Development 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:

(1) review the existing funding, training, and other resources available to support participants in the tourism industry in the State;

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(2) study the different challenges and needs of small, medium, and large participants in the tourism industry in urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State;

(3) assess the need for additional funding, training, and other resources to support small and minority entities participating in or trying to enter into the tourism industry in the State;

(4) seek input and information from small and minority entities that are participating in or trying to enter into the tourism industry; and

(5) make recommendations regarding additional funding, training, and other resources needed to increase diversity and inclusion in the tourism industry.

(g) On or before January 1, 2021, 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.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 14 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 16, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.