

HOUSE BILL 1103

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By: **Delegate Wivell**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of
4 Solid Waste; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force;
5 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but
6 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
7 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task
8 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
10 generally relating to the Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid
11 Waste.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste.

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

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
17 the Senate;

18 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House;

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

21 (4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee; and

22 (5) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of the Environment:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) two representatives of local government; and

2 (ii) three representatives of the recycling, waste diversion, or related
3 technology industry.

4 (c) The Secretary of the Environment and the Secretary of Commerce or their
5 designees shall cochair the Task Force.

6 (d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) (1) The Task Force shall study recycling and the new technologies available
12 for the processing of municipal solid waste for purposes of reducing the amount of solid
13 waste being landfilled.

14 (2) In conducting the study, the Task Force shall examine:

15 (i) the feasibility of a regional approach to the processing of
16 municipal solid waste across the State, including regional sorting or other landfill diversion
17 facilities;

18 (ii) the development and implementation of emerging technologies
19 for the processing of municipal solid waste, including anaerobic digestion, waste-to-energy,
20 gasification, digesters, pelletizing or other refuse-derived fuel, or other relevant
21 technology;

22 (iii) the reuse of abandoned facilities within the State that might be
23 suitable for waste diversion, including the adaptation of closed electric-generating
24 facilities; and

25 (iv) the development of incentives for public-private partnerships,
26 private industry, or public entities to:

27 1. process municipal solid waste into recyclable products; or

28 2. expand or establish markets for recyclable products.

29 (3) (i) The Task Force shall make recommendations for a path forward
30 regarding recycling and waste processing in the State that incorporates any combination of
31 the items evaluated under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

- 1 (ii) The recommendations shall:
- 2 1. consider the need for facilities;
- 3 2. consider the viability for the operation of facilities;
- 4 3. identify available funding sources; and
- 5 4. identify whether new funding sources should be proposed.

6 (g) On or before December 31, 2021, the Task Force shall report its findings and
7 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
8 Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
10 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2022, this
11 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
12 further force and effect.