HOUSE BILL 53

I4, C2 4lr0944 (PRE-FILED) By: Delegate Wu Requested: October 12, 2023 Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024 Assigned to: Economic Matters Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted with floor amendments Read second time: February 14, 2024 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Task Force to Study E-Commerce Monopolies in the State (E-Commerce Antimonopoly Study of 2024) FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study E-Commerce Monopolies in the State; and generally relating to electronic commerce and markets in the State. SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: (a) There is a Task Force to Study E–Commerce Monopolies in the State. (b) The Task Force consists of the following members: (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate: (2)three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; **(4)** one representative of the Antitrust Division of the Office of the Attorney

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

General, appointed by the Attorney General; and

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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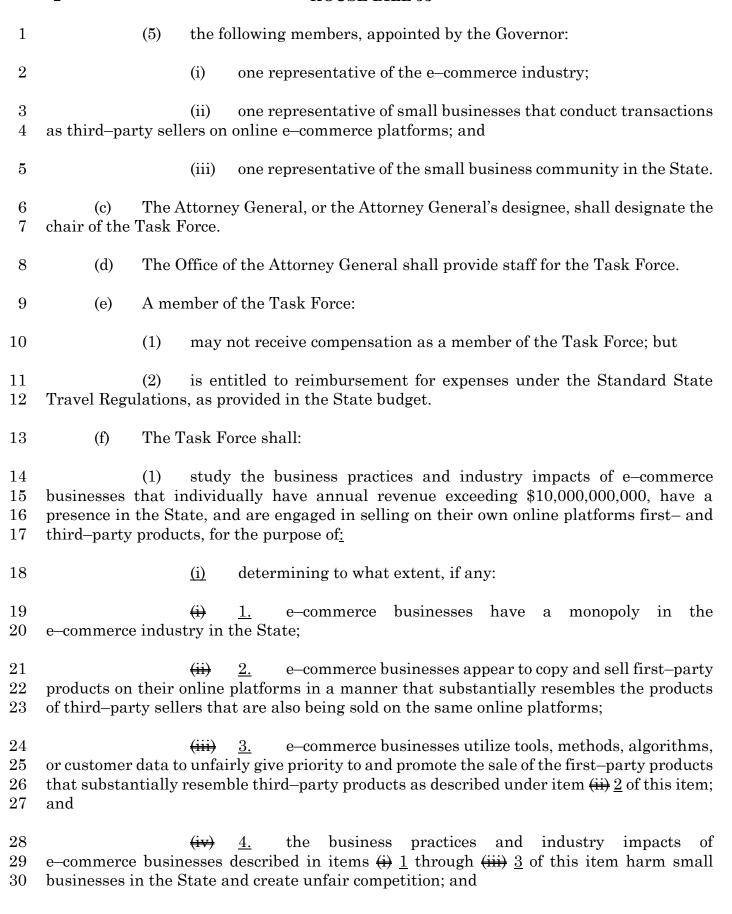
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$\frac{1}{2}$	(ii) reviewing the data policies of the e-commerce businesses, including policies regarding the security and sale of personal data of consumers;
3 4	(2) <u>identify the ownership and country of origin of the parent companies of the e-commerce businesses described under item (1) of this subsection; and</u>
5 6 7	(3) make recommendations regarding potential methods to regulate e-commerce platforms as described under item (1) of this subsection for the purpose of enhancing and promoting small businesses <u>and protecting consumers</u> in the State.
8 9 10	(g) On or before December 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.
11 12 13 14	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.
	President of the Senate.