

HOUSE BILL 1286

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By: **Delegate McComas**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Propose the Maryland State Song**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Propose the Maryland State Song to
4 recommend the adoption of a State song; and generally relating to a State song.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
6 That:

7 (a) There is a Task Force to Propose the Maryland State Song.

8 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members, appointed by the Governor:

9 (1) one archivist in the State;

10 (2) one historian in the State;

11 (3) one newspaper columnist in the State; and

12 (4) one musical expert in the State knowledgeable of State culture and
13 history.

14 (c) To the extent practicable, the membership of the Task Force shall reflect the
15 racial, gender, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the State, according to the most recent
16 census data.

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

18 (e) The State Archives shall provide staff for the Task Force.

19 (f) A member of the Task Force:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4 (g) The Task Force shall study history and culture in the State to recommend the
5 adoption of a State song.

6 (h) On or before December 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its findings and
7 recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the
8 General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September
11 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.