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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence - Final Report**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the deadline for a certain final report of the Task Force to

4 Study Anti-Asian Violence.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

7 Section 18-308

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

13 18-308.

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence.

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

16 (1) A member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the

17 Senate;

18 (2) A member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the

19 Speaker of the House of Delegates;

20 (3) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney General;

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1 (4) The Superintendent of the State Police or a designee of the
2 Superintendent;

3 (5) Two representatives of local government appointed by the Governor;

4 (6) Seven representatives appointed by the Governor from Asian
5 organizations; and

6 (7) Two representatives appointed by the Governor from non-Asian
7 organizations.

8 (c) The Task Force shall develop a comprehensive strategy for preventing and
9 reducing the incidence of violence against Asians by:

10 (1) Examining the scope of the problem of anti-Asian violence in Maryland,
11 and existing legal mechanisms for addressing it;

12 (2) Reviewing the efforts of other states and cities to study and address the
13 problem;

14 (3) Collecting data and developing public educational programs to
15 counteract biased anti-Asian sentiments; and

16 (4) Evaluating and recommending, as appropriate, legislation, regulations,
17 and guidelines to address the problem.

18 (d) The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Task Force.

19 (e) Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

20 (f) The Governor's Office of Asian Pacific American Affairs, in cooperation with
21 other appropriate State and local units, shall provide staff support for the Task Force to
22 the extent possible within existing budgeted resources.

23 (g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings, recommendations, and
24 comprehensive strategy to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State
25 Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before January 1, [1997] 1998.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 1996.