

EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Delegate Valderrama

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence to develop
4 comprehensive strategies for preventing and reducing the incidence of violence
5 against Asians; providing for the membership, duties, and staff of the Task Force;
6 requiring a certain report; specifying that the membership and staff of a prior Task
7 Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence continue and serve as the successor Task Force
8 to Study Anti-Asian Violence; making this Act an emergency measure; providing
9 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
10 Anti-Asian Violence.

11 BY adding to

12 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
13 Section 18-308
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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

19 18-308.

20 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE.

21 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

22 (1) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE
23 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

24 (2) A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED
25 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;

26 (3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A DESIGNEE OF THE ATTORNEY
27 GENERAL;

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1 (4) THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE POLICE OR A DESIGNEE OF THE
2 SECRETARY;

3 (5) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTED BY
4 THE GOVERNOR;

5 (6) SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM
6 ASIAN ORGANIZATIONS; AND

7 (7) TWO REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM
8 NON-ASIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

9 (C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR
10 PREVENTING AND REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIANS BY:

11 (1) EXAMINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM OF ANTI-ASIAN
12 VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND, AND EXISTING LEGAL MECHANISMS FOR ADDRESSING IT;

13 (2) REVIEWING THE EFFORTS OF OTHER STATES AND CITIES TO STUDY
14 AND ADDRESS THE PROBLEM;

15 (3) COLLECTING DATA AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL
16 PROGRAMS TO COUNTERACT BIASED ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENTS; AND

17 (4) EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING, AS APPROPRIATE,
18 LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

19 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK
20 FORCE.

21 (E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

22 (F) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS, IN
23 COOPERATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, SHALL
24 PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN
25 EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

26 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS,
27 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND,
28 SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1998.

30 (H) THIS SECTION SHALL BE NULL AND VOID AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998 WITH NO
31 FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
33 General Assembly of Maryland that the Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence, which
34 was created by Chapter 311 of the Acts of 1995 and codified under Article 41, § 18-308 of
35 the Code, and which expired on January 1, 1997 without sufficient time to complete its
36 review, be reconstituted and continued by this Act and that the members and staff of the
37 prior Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence serve as the successor Task Force to
38 Study Anti-Asian Violence created by the enactment of this Act.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
3 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
4 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
5 enacted.