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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Examine the Applicability of Manufacturing Laws to High-Technology**
3 **Businesses**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Examine the Applicability of
5 Manufacturing Laws to High-Technology Businesses; specifying the purposes and
6 responsibilities of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain
7 persons by a certain date; providing for the composition of the Task Force;
8 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to
9 high-technology businesses.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Examine the Applicability of Manufacturing Laws to
13 High-Technology Businesses.

14 (b) The Task Force consists of:

15 (1) 2 Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

16 (2) 2 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate;

17 (3) The Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or
18 the Director's designee;

19 (4) 2 members, one of whom shall be a representative of the Maryland
20 Municipal League and one of whom shall be a representative of the Maryland Association
21 of Counties;

22 (5) 5 members appointed by the Governor, as follows:

23 (i) 1 shall be nominated by the Suburban Maryland High Technology
24 Council;

25 (ii) 1 shall be nominated by the Greater Baltimore Committee
26 Technology Council;

27 (iii) 1 shall represent the University of Maryland System; and

28 (iv) 2 shall have background and experience in manufacturing; and

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1 (6) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the
2 Secretary's designee.

3 (c) The Governor shall appoint a Chairman of the Task Force.

4 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide staff
5 to the Task Force.

6 (e) The purpose of the Task Force is to:

7 (1) Determine the circumstances under which current State manufacturing
8 laws apply to high-technology businesses, including exemptions under the Tax - General
9 Article and the Tax - Property Article;

10 (2) Determine whether the applicability or inapplicability of those laws
11 fosters or deters the growth of high-technology businesses in the State; and

12 (3) Develop legislative recommendations to further encourage and foster
13 the growth of high-technology businesses in the State.

14 (f) On or before November 14, 1997, the Task Force shall submit a report to the
15 Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General
16 Assembly.

17 (g) The Task Force shall terminate on January 1, 1998.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 1997.