

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 628

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and substitute "Task Force to Study an Arts and Entertainment District in Prince George's County"; strike beginning with "authorizing" in line 4 down through "terms;" in line 10 and substitute "establishing a Task Force to Study an Arts and Entertainment District in Prince George's County; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to certain individuals on or before a certain date;"; in line 12, strike "qualifying" and substitute "resident"; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 25, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 8 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

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

(a) There shall be a Task Force to Study an Arts and Entertainment District in Prince George's County consisting of the following members:

(1) Two members of the Prince George's County Delegation, appointed by the Chairman of the Delegation;

(2) Two members of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the County Executive;

(3) Two representatives of the Comptroller's Office, appointed by the Comptroller;  
and

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(4) Two representatives from the County who represent the interests of arts and entertainment, appointed by the County Executive.

(b) The County Executive of Prince George's County shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

(c) (1) The Task Force shall study ways to encourage the development of an Arts and Entertainment District in which qualifying resident artists and arts-related professional activities in Prince George's County shall be entitled to:

(i) Income tax exemptions;

(ii) Sales tax exemptions; or

(iii) Any other appropriate tax benefit for qualifying resident artists or art-related professional activities in Prince George's County.

(2) The Task Force shall study the actual impact on State and local revenues of any of the options developed for the Arts and Entertainment District.

(3) The Task Force shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Prince George's County Delegation, and the Prince George's County Council on or before December 1, 1999, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its recommendations for developing tax benefits for resident artists and art-related professional activities in the Arts and Entertainment District of Prince George's County.

(d) The Task Force shall terminate, and this Act shall be null and void after December 31, 1999 with no further action required by the General Assembly."

On page 4, in line 10, strike "October" and substitute "July".