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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Pharmacy Technicians**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Pharmacy Technicians to evaluate
4 and make recommendations regarding pharmacy technicians in the State;
5 specifying the areas of study for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
6 recommend certain policies and standards; providing for the membership and
7 staffing of the Task Force; requiring a final report by a certain date; and
8 generally relating to the Task Force on Pharmacy Technicians.

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

11 (a) There is a Task Force on Pharmacy Technicians.

12 (b) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) (i) evaluate the functions performed by pharmacy technicians; and

14 (ii) evaluate the extent to which pharmacy technicians, including
15 those employed in grocery stores and large chain stores:

16 1. actually dispense prescription or nonprescription medicine
17 to consumers; and

18 2. should dispense prescription or nonprescription medicine
19 to consumers;

20 (2) evaluate the education and training required for employment as a
21 pharmacy technician;

22 (3) evaluate the public's perception of pharmacy technicians;

23 (4) evaluate other states' policies and standards regarding pharmacy
24 technicians; and

25 (5) make recommendations regarding policies and standards to apply to
26 pharmacy technicians in the State.

1 (c) The Task Force shall be composed of:

2 (1) four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
3 the House; and

4 (2) four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
5 of the Senate.

6 (d) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
7 shall jointly select the Chair of the Task Force from the appointed members.

8 (e) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff support to the
9 Task Force.

10 (f) The Task Force shall provide a final report on its findings and
11 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
12 Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 31, 1998.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 June 1, 1998.