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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Maryland Income Tax Exemptions and Standard Deductions**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Maryland Income Tax Exemptions  
4 and Standard Deductions; providing for the membership, chairman, duties, and  
5 staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor  
6 and the General Assembly on its findings and recommended legislation by a  
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
8 the Task Force on Maryland Income Tax Exemptions and Standard Deductions.

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

11 (a) There is a Task Force on Maryland Income Tax Exemptions and Standard  
12 Deductions.

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

14 (1) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
15 of the House;

16 (2) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
17 of the Senate;

18 (3) the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee; and

19 (4) the following members appointed by the Governor:

20 (i) one representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;  
21 and

22 (ii) one representative from the Maryland Municipal League.

23 (c) The Governor shall designate one of the members as Chairman of the Task  
24 Force.

25 (d) The Office of the Comptroller shall provide staff support for the Task  
26 Force.

1 (e) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) review the exemption and standard deduction amounts allowed to  
3 State taxpayers under the Maryland income tax, giving consideration to similar  
4 provisions under federal tax law, as well as the tax laws of other states;

5 (2) recommend legislation for consideration by the General Assembly  
6 during the 1999 Session that encompasses the findings of the Task Force; and

7 (3) report its findings and recommended legislation to the Governor and,  
8 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly  
9 by December 1, 1998.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of  
12 December 31, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
13 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.