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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Radioactive Waste Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Environment to establish a certain  
4 task force; providing for the membership of the task force; requiring the task  
5 force to provide a certain report by a certain date; requiring the report to include  
6 certain information; providing for the construction and termination of this Act;  
7 and generally relating to radioactive waste.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Environment  
10 Section 7-205.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Environment**

16 7-205.1.

17 (A) (1) BY JANUARY 1, 2000, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONVENE A  
18 RADIOACTIVE WASTE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
19 DEPARTMENT, A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE REDUCTION,  
20 TREATMENT, USE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN  
21 MARYLAND.

22 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL INCLUDE:

23 (I) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
24 DESIGNEE, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE;

25 (II) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE  
26 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

- 1 (III) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE  
2 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;
- 3 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
4 DESIGNEE;
- 5 (V) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY  
6 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF  
7 DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
- 8 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF  
9 COUNTIES;
- 10 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL  
11 LEAGUE;
- 12 (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY  
13 FOUNDATION;
- 14 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLEAN WATER ACTION;
- 15 (X) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AUDUBON SOCIETY; AND
- 16 (XI) FOUR PUBLIC MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE HANDLING  
17 AND TREATMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE OR TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE REUSE OR  
18 DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

19 (B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2002, THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND  
20 PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE ECONOMIC AND  
21 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL  
22 MATTERS COMMITTEE REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE  
23 REDUCTION, TREATMENT, REUSE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE  
24 WASTE IN MARYLAND, INCLUDING THE CAPACITY WITHIN THE STATE NEEDED TO  
25 TREAT AND DISPOSE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE, AND ISSUES CONCERNING THE  
26 POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF AN INCREASE BY SIZE, VOLUME, OR WEIGHT OF A  
27 RADIOACTIVE WASTE SITE IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

- 28 (1) IMPACT ON VOLUME AND NATURE OF TRAFFIC FLOW;
- 29 (2) PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS, PARTICULARLY ON LOCAL RESIDENTS;
- 30 (3) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, PARTICULARLY ON AIR AND WATER  
31 QUALITY;
- 32 (4) THE AMOUNT AND FORMS OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE GENERATED IN  
33 MARYLAND;
- 34 (5) CURRENT STRATEGIES TO REDUCE, TREAT FOR REUSE, MANAGE,  
35 AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE; AND

1           (6)       RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE REDUCTION, TREATMENT,  
2 REUSE, MANAGEMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

3       (C)       THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED  
4 TO DEROGATE THE EXISTING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING  
5 RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

6       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of  
8 September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
9 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.