

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Tax" insert "Rate"; strike beginning with "altering" in line 4 down through "dates" in line 7 and substitute "creating a Task Force on the Prince George's County Transfer Tax Rate; requiring the Task Force to conduct a thorough review of the transfer tax rate in Prince George's County and its effect on citizens, businesses, and schools in the County; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations by a certain date"; in line 8, strike "of certain provisions"; strike beginning with "providing" in line 8 down through "Act;" in line 9; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 22, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows"; and after line 22, insert:

"(a) There is a Task Force on the Prince George's County Transfer Tax Rate.

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

(1) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chairman of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

(2) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chairman of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

(3) One member of the County Council of Prince George's County, appointed by the Chairman of the County Council;

(4) The County Executive of Prince George's County or the County Executive's

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designee;

(5) One member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, appointed by the Chairman of the Board;

(6) The Superintendent of Prince George's County schools or the Superintendent's designee;

(7) Two members of the Parent Teacher Association from Prince George's County, appointed by the President of the Association;

(8) One member of the Prince George's County Board of Realtors, appointed by the President of the Board of Realtors;

(9) One member of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the President of the Chamber of Commerce;

(10) Two citizens who are residents of Prince George's County, appointed jointly by the Chairman of the Prince George's County House Delegation and the Chairman of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation; and

(11) One member of the Prince George's County Educators Association, appointed by the President of the Association.

(c) The two members of the Task Force representing the General Assembly shall serve as cochairmen of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall complete a thorough review of the transfer tax rate in Prince George's County and the effect of the transfer tax rate on the citizens, businesses, and schools in Prince George's County.

(e) Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation except that the members may be reimbursed for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The County Executive of Prince George's County and the Department of Legislative Services shall jointly provide staff support for the Task Force to the extent possible within existing budgeted resources.

(g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the Prince George's County House Delegation and the Chairman of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation on or before November 1, 2000."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 30 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of November 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect."