

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Cryor**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Minimum Flow Levels in the Potomac River**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Minimum Flow Levels in
4 the Potomac River; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force;
5 providing for staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the
6 General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the
7 establishment of a Task Force to Study the Minimum Flow Levels in the
8 Potomac River.

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

11 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Minimum Flow Levels in the Potomac
12 River.

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

14 (1) Two members from the Senate to be appointed by the President of the
15 Senate;

16 (2) Two members from the House of Delegates to be appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House;

18 (3) One member from the Department of Natural Resources to be
19 appointed by the Secretary of that Department;

20 (4) One member from the Department of the Environment to be
21 appointed by the Secretary of that Department;

22 (5) One member from the University of Maryland Center for
23 Environmental Science to be appointed by the President of that Center;

24 (6) One member from the Allegany County Department of Public Works
25 to be appointed by the Director of that Department;

1 (7) One member from the Charles County Mattawoman Sewage
2 Treatment Facility to be appointed by the Director of that Facility;

3 (8) One member from the Frederick County Department of Public Works
4 to be appointed by the Director of that Department;

5 (9) One member from the Garrett County Sanitary Commission to be
6 appointed by the Administrator of that Commission;

7 (10) One member from the St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission to be
8 appointed by the Director of that Commission;

9 (11) One member from the Washington County Department of Public
10 Works to be appointed by the Director of that Department;

11 (12) One member from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
12 to be appointed by the Chairperson of that Commission;

13 (13) One member from the Environmental Protection Agency's
14 Chesapeake Bay Program Office to be appointed by the Director of that Office;

15 (14) One member from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to be
16 appointed by the Director of that Service;

17 (15) One member from the National Audubon Society to be appointed by
18 the Executive Director of that Society, or the Director's designee; and

19 (16) Two members from the general public to be appointed jointly by the
20 Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

21 (c) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

22 (d) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
23 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
24 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State Budget.

25 (e) The Department of Natural Resources shall coordinate with other State
26 agencies to provide staffing for the Task Force.

27 (f) The Task Force shall:

28 (1) Study the minimum flow levels of the Potomac River as they relate to
29 the support of the plant and aquatic life of the river; and

30 (2) Identify the minimum flow level of the Potomac River necessary to
31 support the plant and aquatic life of the river.

32 (g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and
33 recommendations to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State
34 Government Article, on or before December 31, 2000.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2000.