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By: **Delegate Grosfeld**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Nonlethal Wildlife Management**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Nonlethal Wildlife Management;  
4 specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for a  
5 chairman of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
6 receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to  
7 receive reimbursement for certain expenses; providing for meetings of the Task  
8 Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General  
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for staffing of the Task Force;  
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task  
11 Force on Nonlethal Wildlife Management.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
14 Section 18-317  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

20 18-317.

21 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON NONLETHAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.

22 (B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING NINE MEMBERS:

23 (1) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO BE APPOINTED  
24 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

25 (2) ONE MEMBER FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND TO BE APPOINTED  
26 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

1 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR  
2 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

3 (4) THE FOLLOWING SIX MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS  
4 FOLLOWS:

5 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES;

7 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE FUND FOR ANIMALS; AND

8 (III) FOUR MEMBERS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE  
9 DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN WILDLIFE PRESERVATION.

10 (C) THE MEMBER FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES  
11 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

12 (D) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR  
13 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
14 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN  
15 THE STATE BUDGET.

16 (E) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 MONTHS, AT THE  
17 CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.

18 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

19 (1) STUDY SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING THE  
20 EFFECTIVENESS OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES USED BY WILDLIFE  
21 AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA;

22 (2) EXAMINE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE HUMAN  
23 POPULATION AND THE WILDLIFE POPULATION IN THE STATE;

24 (3) ASSESS CURRENT DEFICIENCIES IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN THE  
25 STATE;

26 (4) FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF  
27 NONLETHAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES IN THE STATE; AND

28 (5) FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING AND  
29 IMPLEMENTING CURRENT AND FUTURE NONLETHAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
30 INITIATIVES.

31 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR  
32 AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL  
33 ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2001.

34 (H) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL COORDINATE WITH  
35 OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE TASK FORCE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at  
3 the end of December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General  
4 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.