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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation**
3 **Foundation**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural
5 Land Preservation Foundation; specifying the membership and duties of the
6 Task Force; providing for the appointment of a chairman of the Task Force;
7 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation;
8 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain
9 expenses; providing for meetings of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
10 report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates;
11 providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Maryland Agricultural
13 Land Preservation Foundation.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Agriculture
16 Section 2-517
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article - Agriculture

2 2-517.

3 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND
4 PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

5 (B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ~~44~~ 18 MEMBERS:

6 (1) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO
7 BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

8 (2) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE OF MARYLAND TO
9 BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

10 (3) ~~THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL~~
11 ~~LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;~~

12 ~~(4)~~ THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

13 ~~(5)~~ (4) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE
14 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

15 ~~(6)~~ (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, OR THE
16 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; ~~AND~~

17 ~~(7)~~ (6) ~~EIGHT~~ THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE
18 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

19 (7) TEN MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) ONE MEMBER FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
21 MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;

22 (II) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU;

23 (III) ONE MEMBER FROM THE AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST;

24 (IV) ONE MEMBER ~~REPRESENTING CONSERVATION GROUPS IN THE~~
25 ~~STATE FROM THE~~ CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION;

26 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF
27 COUNTIES;

28 (VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND
29 PRESERVATION PROGRAM;

30 (VII) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND GRANGE; ~~AND~~

31 (VIII) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL
32 COMMISSION;

1 ~~(I)~~ (IX) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING FORESTRY GROUPS IN THE
2 STATE; AND

3 ~~(X)~~ (X) ONE MEMBER FROM THE MARYLAND LAND TRUST ALLIANCE.

4 ~~(C)~~ (C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEMPT TO
5 ENSURE REGIONAL, ECONOMIC, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY ON THE
6 COMMISSION.

7 ~~(D)~~ (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

8 ~~(E)~~ (E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION
9 FOR SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
10 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
11 THE STATE BUDGET.

12 ~~(F)~~ (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AT THE
13 CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN.

14 ~~(G)~~ (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

15 (1) STUDY THE CURRENT PROGRAM AND PRACTICES OF THE MARYLAND
16 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION;

17 (2) STUDY THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE MARYLAND
18 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION; AND

19 (3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM, PRACTICES,
20 AND FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND
21 PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

22 ~~(H)~~ (H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT OF ITS
23 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246
24 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
25 DECEMBER 1, 2000, AND SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
26 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2001.

27 ~~(I)~~ (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL COORDINATE WITH
28 OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE TASK FORCE.

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

