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By: **Delegate Giannetti**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force to Study the Redevelopment and Revitalization of**  
3                                   **U.S. Highway 1**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Redevelopment and  
5 Revitalization of U.S. Highway 1; specifying the membership and duties of the  
6 Task Force; specifying certain portions of U.S. Highway 1 to be considered by the  
7 Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to  
8 report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally  
9 relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Redevelopment and  
10 Revitalization of U.S. Highway 1.

11       SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13       (a)       There is a Task Force to Study the Redevelopment and Revitalization of  
14 U.S. Highway 1.

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

16               (1)       Two members of the General Assembly from Howard County;

17               (2)       Two members of the General Assembly from Prince George's County;

18               (3)       Two members representing the County Executive's Office of Howard  
19 County;

20               (4)       Two members representing the County Executive's Office of Prince  
21 George's County;

22               (5)       Two members representing the County Executive's Office of  
23 Baltimore County;

24               (6)       One member representing the State Highway Administration;

25               (7)       One member representing the City of Laurel;

1 (8) One member representing the Prince George's Economic  
2 Development Corporation recommended by the County Executive;

3 (9) One member representing the Howard County Economic  
4 Development Authority recommended by the County Executive;

5 (10) One member representing the Maryland State Department of  
6 Business and Economic Development; and

7 (11) Six additional members, including four from Howard County, to  
8 ensure that all geographic areas of the study are represented.

9 (c) The Governor shall make all appointments after considering the  
10 recommendations of the chairperson of each legislative delegation, the Speaker of the  
11 House, the President of the Senate, and the county executives of Prince George's,  
12 Howard, and Baltimore counties.

13 (d) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

14 (e) The Department of Transportation shall coordinate with other State  
15 agencies to provide staffing for the Task Force.

16 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
17 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
18 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19 (g) The Task Force shall:

20 (1) Limit the study area to the portion of U.S. Highway 1 from the  
21 intersection of U.S. Highway 1 and Interstate Highway 495 in Prince George's County  
22 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 1 and Interstate Highway 695 in Baltimore  
23 County;

24 (2) Study the issues concerning the commercial redevelopment and  
25 revitalization of the area adjacent to U.S. Highway 1 utilizing all available  
26 information, including county general plans, recommendations, and plans from prior  
27 or ongoing, adjoining, or overlapping U.S. Highway 1 studies;

28 (3) Study the issues concerning roadway and transportation  
29 improvements necessary to promote the redevelopment and revitalization of the area  
30 adjacent to U.S. Highway 1;

31 (4) Consult with local designated revitalization committees;

32 (5) Recommend strategies for economic development and revitalization  
33 of the areas adjacent to U.S. Highway 1;

34 (6) Recommend design changes to U.S. Highway 1 and the adjacent area  
35 necessary to promote redevelopment and revitalization; and

1           (7)       Recommend funding priorities to the Governor to facilitate the  
2 redevelopment and revitalization of U.S. Highway 1 and the adjacent area.

3       (h)       The Task Force shall issue a preliminary report of its findings and  
4 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the  
5 State Government Article, on or before December 31, 2000, and shall issue a final  
6 report on or before February 1, 2001.

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