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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Arts and Entertainment Districts**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Arts and Entertainment
4 Districts; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the
5 Task Force to report to certain individuals on or before a certain date; and
6 generally relating to the establishment of Arts and Entertainment Districts in
7 which certain benefits for resident artists would apply.

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

10 (a) There shall be a Task Force to Study Arts and Entertainment Districts
11 consisting of the following members:

12 (1) One representative from the Comptroller's Office, appointed by the
13 Comptroller;

14 (2) One representative from the Department of Business and Economic
15 Development, appointed by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;

16 (3) One representative from the Department of Housing and Community
17 Development, appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development;

18 (4) One representative from the Department of Transportation,
19 appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;

20 (5) One representative from the Office of Planning, appointed by the
21 Director of Planning; and

22 (6) Seven representatives appointed by the Governor who represent the
23 interests of:

- 1 (i) Artists;
- 2 (ii) Entertainers;
- 3 (iii) Restaurateurs; or
- 4 (iv) Retail business owners.

5 (b) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

6 (c) (1) The Task Force shall study various private and public sector
7 initiatives for qualifying resident artists or art-related professionals to encourage the
8 development of Arts and Entertainment Districts including:

- 9 (i) Income tax exemptions;
- 10 (ii) Sales tax exemptions;
- 11 (iii) Income tax credits;
- 12 (iv) Property tax credits;
- 13 (v) Government-financed economic incentives;
- 14 (vi) Zoning variances and alterations; and
- 15 (vii) Any other appropriate benefit for qualifying resident artists or
16 art-related professional activities.

17 (2) The Task Force shall study the impact of any of the options developed
18 for Arts and Entertainment Districts on:

- 19 (i) Cultural education; and
- 20 (ii) State and local revenues.

21 (3) The Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Housing and
22 Community Development.

23 (4) The Task Force shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and
24 Taxation Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on or before
25 December 1, 2001, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on
26 its recommendations for developing benefits for resident artists and art-related
27 professional activities in Arts and Entertainment Districts.

28 (d) The Task Force shall terminate and this Act shall be null and void after
29 December 31, 2001 with no further action required by the General Assembly.

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