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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Deer-Vehicle Collisions**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Deer-Vehicle Collisions;
4 establishing the membership of the Task Force; establishing duties of the Task
5 Force; requiring the Governor to provide for funding for the Task Force;
6 requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations; requiring the Task
7 Force to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly;
8 defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
9 relating to the Task Force to Study Deer-Vehicle Collisions.

10 BY adding to

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

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

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

18 18-317.

19 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS.

20 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION A "GAME WARNING REFLECTOR"
21 MEANS A REFLECTOR DEVICE THAT IS INSTALLED ON A HIGHWAY ROADSIDE, WHICH
22 IS DESIGNED TO SCATTER LIGHT FROM AN ONCOMING VEHICLE'S HEADLIGHTS AT A
23 VARIETY OF ANGLES TO PREVENT DEER FROM RUNNING INTO THE ROAD AS A
24 RESULT OF SEEING ONCOMING HEADLIGHTS.

25 (C) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

26 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
27 SPEAKER;

1 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT;

2 (3) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

3 (4) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
4 RESOURCES, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

5 (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
6 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF
7 TRANSPORTATION; AND

8 (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
9 TRANSPORTATION.

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

13 (E) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE JOINTLY CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF
14 NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

15 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROVIDE PRIMARY STAFF SUPPORT TO THE TASK FORCE.

17 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

18 (1) STUDY INFORMATION ON INCREASED DEER POPULATIONS AND HOW
19 THEY HAVE IMPACTED DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS IN THE STATE;

20 (2) IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE AN INCREASED NUMBER
21 OF DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS;

22 (3) STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF "GAME WARNING REFLECTOR" TYPE
23 ROADWAY INSTALLMENTS AND FENCING;

24 (4) IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST GAME WARNING
25 REFLECTORS;

26 (5) DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE INSTALLMENTS; AND

27 (6) DETERMINE THE DURATION OF THE STUDY.

28 (H) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR FUNDING THE
29 INSTALLATION OF 10 MILES OF GAME WARNING REFLECTORS IN THE STATE BUDGET
30 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

31 (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2003, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS
32 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246
33 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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 3 years and 9 months and, at
3 the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.