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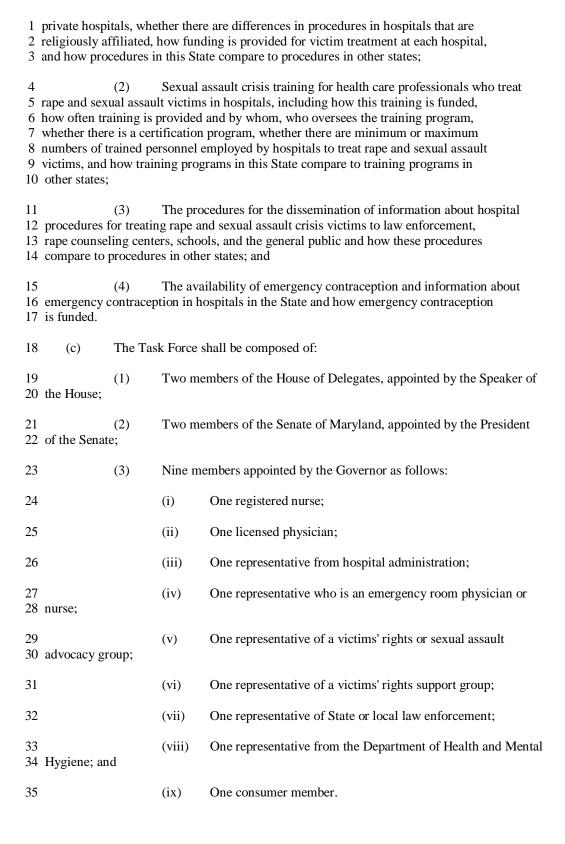
2	Task	Force to	Study	Rape and	l Sexual	Assault	Crisis	Treatn	nent

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Rape and Sexual Assault
- 4 Crisis Treatment; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing for the
- 5 membership and appointment of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the
- 6 Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly on or
- before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
- 8 relating to a Task Force to Study Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Treatment.

9 Preamble

- WHEREAS, Hospitals in the State may have different procedures for emergency
- 11 treatment of victims of rape or sexual assault depending on whether the hospitals are
- 12 public or private, or whether the hospitals are religiously affiliated; and
- WHEREAS, Victims of rape or sexual assault may be treated differently in
- 14 different hospitals in the State depending on whether the health care professionals
- 15 who provide emergency treatment have had sexual assault crisis training; and
- WHEREAS, Information about health care options may or may not be made
- 17 available to victims of rape or sexual assault depending on the hospital where the
- 18 victim is treated; and
- WHEREAS, There is a need for uniformity in the treatment of rape and sexual
- 20 assault victims by health care professionals in hospitals in the State; now, therefore,
- 21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 22 MARYLAND, That:
- 23 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Treatment.
- 24 (b) The Task Force shall study:
- 25 (1) The procedures for treating victims of rape or sexual assault in
- 26 hospitals throughout the State, including whether those procedures are uniform
- 27 throughout the State, whether there are differences in procedures between public and

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- 1 (d) The Governor shall designate one of the members as chairman of the Task 2 Force.
- 3 (e) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide professional 4 and administrative support to the Task Force.
- 5 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 6 (1) Determine the times and places of its meetings;
- 7 (2) Recommend measures to address the problems and concerns it 8 identifies; and
- 9 (3) Report its recommendations and findings to the Governor and, in 10 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on 11 or before December 31, 2000.
- 12 (g) The members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are 13 entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, 14 as provided in the State Budget.
- 15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 16 effect June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end
- 17 of December 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 18 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.