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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Potential to Expand the Use of Ethanol as an**
3 **Alternative Fuel**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Potential to Expand the
5 Use of Ethanol as an Alternative Fuel; specifying the membership and duties of
6 the Task Force; providing for the appointment of a chairman of the Task Force;
7 providing for meetings of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task
8 Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task
9 Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; providing for staffing of
10 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Potential to
13 Expand the Use of Ethanol as an Alternative Fuel.

14 BY adding to
15 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
16 Section 18-317
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1997 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:

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

22 18-317.

23 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE USE
24 OF ETHANOL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL.

25 (B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS:

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

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

3 (3) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

4 (4) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S
5 DESIGNEE;

6 (5) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE
7 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

8 (6) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S
9 DESIGNEE;

10 (7) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
11 DESIGNEE;

12 (8) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, OR
13 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

14 (9) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

15 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND GRAIN
16 PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION;

17 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND FARM BUREAU;

18 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY
19 FOUNDATION; AND

20 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN
21 CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM.

22 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

23 (D) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT THE TIMES AND PLACES
24 THAT IT DETERMINES.

25 (E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
26 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
27 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
28 THE STATE BUDGET.

29 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL COORDINATE WITH OTHER
30 STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE TASK FORCE.

31 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

32 (1) DETERMINE WAYS THE STATE CAN EXPAND THE USE OF ETHANOL
33 AS AN E85 BLEND ALTERNATIVE FUEL;

1 (2) INVESTIGATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE STATE AS THE
2 NEEDS RELATE TO THE USE OF ETHANOL AS AN E85 BLEND ALTERNATIVE FUEL;

3 (3) INVESTIGATE WAYS TO CONSOLIDATE VEHICLES TO USE REFUELING
4 SITES;

5 (4) INVESTIGATE VEHICLE OPTIONS AS THE NEEDS RELATE TO THE USE
6 OF ETHANOL AS AN E85 BLEND ALTERNATIVE FUEL;

7 (5) DETERMINE THE BEST LOCATIONS FOR REFUELING SITES;

8 (6) ANALYZE ECONOMIC DATA ON THE USE OF E85 AS AN ALTERNATIVE
9 FUEL; AND

10 (7) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NECESSARY CHANGES IN STATE
11 POLICY REGARDING THE STATE'S USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS.

12 (H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
14 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1,
15 2000.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
18 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
19 abrogated and of no further force and effect.