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-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* --

Introduced by **Senators Middleton, Neall, Stoltzfus, Hafer, Dyson, Ferguson,
Haines, Hooper, Colburn, Munson, Jacobs, Mooney, and McCabe**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland - Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Resource Based Industry in
4 Maryland to examine the need for, and the feasibility of, establishing a certain
5 financing development authority; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain
6 report on or before a certain date; providing for the membership of the Task
7 Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
8 jointly to appoint the co-chairs of the Task Force; requiring the Department of
9 Legislative Services, *in consultation with the Department of Business and*
10 *Economic Development*, to staff the Task Force; providing that a member of the
11 Task Force may not be compensated but may receive travel expenses; and
12 generally relating to establishing a Task Force on Resource Based Industry in
13 Maryland.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

1 (a) There is a Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland.

2 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

3 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
4 of the Senate;

5 (2) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the
6 Speaker of the House;

7 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
8 Secretary's designee;

9 (4) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (5) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (6) the Director of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, or the Director's
12 designee;

13 (7) the Chair of the Forum for Rural Maryland, or the Chair's designee;

14 (8) the Chair of the Maryland Forestry Task Force, or the Chair's
15 designee;

16 (9) a representative of the Western Maryland "One Maryland" Task
17 Force, selected by the members of the Western Maryland Task Force;

18 (10) a representative of the Eastern Shore "One Maryland" Task Force,
19 selected by the members of the Eastern Shore Task Force; and

20 (11) five members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and
21 the Speaker of the House to represent each of the following rural industry sectors:

22 (i) agriculture;

23 (ii) forestry;

24 (iii) fisheries;

25 (iv) mineral extraction; and

26 (v) rural commercial finance or lending.

27 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly
28 designate two of the members as co-chairs of the Task Force.

29 (d) The Task Force shall:

30 (1) examine the need for, and the feasibility of, establishing a financing
31 development authority to assist Maryland's farming, fishing, forestry, and mining

1 extraction industries with loans, financing, training, and technical and business
2 planning assistance services;

3 (2) consider the types of loans, financing, training, technical and
4 business planning assistance services, and other programs that a financing
5 development authority should implement;

6 (3) consider the amount in which a financing development authority
7 should be funded;

8 (4) consider whether the financing development authority should be an
9 independent State government entity or be incorporated into an existing State
10 government agency;

11 (5) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of the
12 financing development authority; and

13 (6) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with
14 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before
15 ~~November 1, 2001~~ December 1, 2000.

16 (e) The Department of Legislative Services, *in consultation with the*
17 *Department of Business and Economic Development*, shall provide staff support for
18 the Task Force.

19 (f) A member of the Task Force:

20 (1) may not receive compensation; but

21 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
22 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 ~~October~~ July 1, 2000.