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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Mosquito-Borne Public Health Hazards**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Mosquito-Borne Public Health
4 Hazards; establishing duties of the Task Force; establishing membership of the
5 Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; providing for the
7 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
8 Mosquito-Borne Public Health Hazards.

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

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

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

17 18-317.

18 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MOSQUITO-BORNE PUBLIC HEALTH
19 HAZARDS.

20 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

1 (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE
2 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

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

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

6 (4) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
7 DESIGNEE;

8 (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A STATEWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL
9 ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZING IN ISSUES OF PESTICIDES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION,
10 NOMINATED BY THE CITIZEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SELECTED
11 BY THE GOVERNOR;

12 (6) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY
13 DEALING WITH ISSUES OF PESTICIDES, SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING:

14 (I) ONE TO BE NOMINATED BY THE FARM BUREAU; AND

15 (II) ONE TO BE NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND FOOD AND
16 FARMERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING ORGANIC FARMERS; ~~AND~~

17 (7) ~~TWO LICENSED PHYSICIANS~~ ONE LICENSED PHYSICIAN TO BE
18 NOMINATED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS;

19 (8) ONE LICENSED PHYSICIAN TO BE NOMINATED BY THE MEDICAL AND
20 CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND; AND

21 (9) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHO IS
22 EXPERIENCED IN INSECT-BORNE DISEASE.

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

24 (D) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

25 (1) ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA FOR DEFINING MOSQUITO-BORNE PUBLIC
26 HEALTH HAZARDS;

27 (2) ESTABLISH METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND MONITORING THE
28 DISEASE VECTORS;

29 (3) ESTABLISH THRESHOLDS FOR INTERVENTION TO CONTROL
30 INFECTED MOSQUITOS OR DISEASE CARRIERS;

31 (4) ESTABLISH THE LEAST TOXIC STRATEGIES TO PREVENT
32 INFESTATIONS;

33 (5) ESTABLISH METHODS THAT UTILIZE BIOLOGICAL, MECHANICAL,
34 AND CULTURAL PRACTICES;

1 (6) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES THAT ENSURE PUBLIC RIGHT-TO-KNOW
2 NOTICE BEFORE PESTICIDES ARE USED;

3 (7) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERRING DECISION MAKING
4 POWER FOR MANAGING MOSQUITO-BORNE HEALTH HAZARDS SOLELY FROM THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO AN OVERSIGHT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
6 MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
7 HYGIENE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND DEPARTMENT OF
8 AGRICULTURE; AND

9 (8) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR EXEMPTING ORGANIC FARMERS
10 FROM PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS.

11 (E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
12 EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
13 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

14 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
15 AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO
16 THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

17 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS,
18 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND,
19 SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, ~~2004~~ 2000.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 ~~October~~ June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year ~~and 8 months~~
23 and, at the end of May 31, ~~2002~~ 2001, with no further action required by the General
24 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.