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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 555 (Delegate Stern)

Environmental Matters

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**Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons -  
Extension of Time to Report Recommendations**

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This bill extends the sunset date for the Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons from April 30, 2001, until April 30, 2002. The due date for the report to the Governor and the General Assembly is extended to December 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Extending the life of the task force into FY 2002 could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 266 of 1999 established a ten-member Task Force on Food Allergies and Restaurant Patrons to examine the concerns of, and problems encountered by, individuals with a food allergy who eat in restaurants. The task force must identify concerns and make recommendations to address the problem in a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2000. The task force has had two meetings, and is staffed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The task force terminates on April 30, 2001.

**State Expenditures:** None. Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are assumed to be minimal

and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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