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

Introduced by **Delegate McClenahan (Chairman, Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland) and Delegate Glassman**

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

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland - Membership,**
3 **Staffing, and Reporting Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the nature of a certain required report of the Task
5 Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to
6 submit a certain report, based on a certain assessment, on or before a certain
7 date; adding to the membership of the Task Force; requiring the State
8 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Business and Economic
9 Development, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Food
10 Center Authority to provide certain assistance to the Task Force at certain
11 times; providing for the termination of the Act that created the Task Force; and
12 generally relating to the Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 433 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
15 Section 1 and 2

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

3 **Chapter 433 of the Acts of 2000**

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That:

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

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

8 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
9 of the Senate;

10 (2) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House;

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

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

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

16 (6) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER
17 AUTHORITY, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

18 (7) the Director of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, or the Director's
19 designee;

20 [(7)] (8) the Chair of the Forvm for Rural Maryland, or the Chair's
21 designee;

22 [(8)] (9) the Chair of the Maryland Forestry Task Force, or the Chair's
23 designee;

24 [(9)] (10) a representative of the Western Maryland "One Maryland" Task
25 Force, selected by the members of the Western Maryland Task Force;

26 [(10)] (11) a representative of the Eastern Shore "One Maryland" Task
27 Force, selected by the members of the Eastern Shore Task Force; ~~and~~

28 (12) TWO THREE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS FROM RURAL
29 COUNTIES, ONE FROM THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND AND ONE FROM THE
30 WESTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND
31 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND
32 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS FOLLOWS:

33 (1) ONE FROM THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND;

1 (II) ONE FROM THE WESTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND; AND

2 (III) ONE FROM SOUTHERN MARYLAND; AND

3 [(11)] ~~(12)~~ (13) five members appointed jointly by the President of the
4 Senate and the Speaker of the House to represent each of the following rural industry
5 sectors:

6 (i) agriculture;

7 (ii) forestry;

8 (iii) fisheries;

9 (iv) mineral extraction; and

10 (v) rural commercial finance or lending.

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

13 (d) The Task Force shall:

14 (1) examine the need for, and the feasibility of, establishing a financing
15 development authority to assist Maryland's farming, fishing, forestry, and mining
16 extraction industries with loans, financing, training, and technical and business
17 planning assistance services;

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

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

23 (4) consider whether the financing development authority should be an
24 independent State government entity or be incorporated into an existing State
25 government agency;

26 (5) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of the
27 financing development authority; [and]

28 (6) report its PRELIMINARY recommendations to the Governor and, in
29 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly
30 on or before December 1, 2000; AND

31 (7) **BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF THE**
32 **NEEDS OF AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, EXPECTED**
33 **LEVEL OF DEMAND, TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EXPECTED INVESTMENT**
34 **RETURNS, AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION MEASURES, REPORT ITS FINAL**
35 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF**

1 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE
2 DECEMBER 31, 2001.

3 (e) The Department of Legislative Services, [in consultation with] WITH THE
4 ASSISTANCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, the Department of
5 Business and Economic Development, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
6 AND THE MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY, shall, AS NECESSARY, provide
7 RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AND staff support for the Task Force.

8 (f) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2000. IT SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AND 7 MONTHS
14 AND, AT THE END OF JANUARY 31, 2002, WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY
15 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIS ACT SHALL BE ABROGATED AND OF NO FURTHER
16 FORCE AND EFFECT.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2001.