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By: **Delegates O'Donnell and Owings**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private**  
3 **Communities in Calvert County**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of  
5 Private Communities in Calvert County; specifying the membership of the Task  
6 Force; providing for the chairman and staff of the Task Force; providing that  
7 members of the Task Force serve without compensation but are entitled to  
8 certain compensation for expenses; requiring the Task Force to conduct a certain  
9 survey, hold certain public hearings, determine the availability of certain  
10 resources, and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to  
11 submit certain reports to the County Commissioners of Calvert County and the  
12 Calvert County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly on or before  
13 certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
14 the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private  
15 Communities in Calvert County.

16 **Preamble**

17 WHEREAS, There are many older private communities in Calvert County  
18 which were established before the existence of current standards for planned  
19 community development; and

20 WHEREAS, Many of these older private communities have severe  
21 infrastructure needs in a number of areas, including roadway improvements and  
22 maintenance, stormwater management, and wastewater management; and

23 WHEREAS, These older private communities have limited capability and  
24 resources to adequately address their infrastructure needs; and

25 WHEREAS, The failure to adequately address the infrastructure needs of these  
26 private communities could have adverse consequences in the communities and the  
27 entire County, which could affect a broad range of quality-of-life issues; and

28 WHEREAS, A large percentage of the population of Calvert County resides in  
29 these private communities; and

1 WHEREAS, The residents of these private communities pay State and county  
2 taxes at the same rate as all other residents of the County; and

3 WHEREAS, No State or county tax moneys are returned to these private  
4 communities to assist in addressing their infrastructure needs; and

5 WHEREAS, It may be possible for State and county government agencies to find  
6 creative ways to help these private communities address their infrastructure needs;  
7 now, therefore,

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private  
11 Communities in Calvert County.

12 (b) (1) The Task Force shall consist of the following nine members:

13 (i) Five members appointed by the County Commissioners of  
14 Calvert County, with each County Commissioner appointing one of the five members;

15 (ii) Two members appointed by the Senators from the Senate of  
16 Maryland who represent Calvert County; and

17 (iii) Two members appointed by the Delegates from the House of  
18 Delegates who represent Calvert County.

19 (2) Each member of the Task Force shall be a resident of a private  
20 community in Calvert County, or have other knowledge or expertise relating to the  
21 infrastructure needs of private communities in Calvert County.

22 (c) The County Commissioners of Calvert County shall designate the  
23 chairman of the Task Force.

24 (d) The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the office of the County  
25 Commissioners of Calvert County.

26 (e) Each member of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall  
27 be entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel  
28 Regulations.

29 (f) The Task Force shall:

30 (1) Conduct a comprehensive survey of the infrastructure needs of  
31 private communities in Calvert County;

32 (2) Hold public hearings as necessary to solicit input from residents of  
33 Calvert County on issues relating to the private communities' infrastructure needs;

1           (3)     Determine what State and local government resources are available,  
2 and what additional resources are needed, to address the identified infrastructure  
3 needs; and

4           (4)     Make recommendations on how available resources can be used to  
5 meet the identified infrastructure needs, and on the order in which the infrastructure  
6 needs should be addressed.

7           (g)     The Task Force shall submit a report on its preliminary findings and  
8 recommendations to the County Commissioners of Calvert County and, in accordance  
9 with § 2-1246 of State Government Article, to the Calvert County Delegation to the  
10 Maryland General Assembly, on or before November 1, 2001, and shall submit a final  
11 report on or before December 31, 2002.

12       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the  
14 end of December 31, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
15 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.