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CHAPTER _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (c) The County Commissioners of Calvert County shall designate the
28 chairman of the Task Force.

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

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

34 (f) The Task Force shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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