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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Indoor Air Quality**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality; providing for  
4 certain membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the  
5 designation of a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue a  
6 certain report by a certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from  
7 receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain  
8 reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
9 relating to the Task Force on Indoor Air Quality.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force on Indoor Air Quality.

13 (b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~13~~ 16 members:

14 (1) Two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of  
15 the House;

16 (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President  
17 of the Senate;

18 (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (4) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
20 designee; and

1 (5) The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's  
2 designee;

3 (6) ~~Six~~ Nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:

4 (i) Two representatives of the heating, ventilation, and air  
5 conditioning (HVAC) repair industries;

6 (ii) Two representatives of not-for-profit organizations that focus  
7 on indoor air quality and related health issues, one of which shall come from the  
8 Maryland Industrial Hygiene Council; ~~and~~

9 (iii) One representative from the Johns Hopkins School of Public  
10 Health;

11 (iv) One representative of local government;

12 (v) One building owner or manager; and

13 ~~(iii)~~ (vi) Two citizens affected by HVAC-related illnesses.

14 (c) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

15 (d) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) Study the nature, location, and extent of health and environmental  
17 risks posed to workers as a result of molds, spores, and other toxic organisms located  
18 in the HVAC systems of ~~office~~ buildings, including:

19 (i) The relative risks associated with the manufacture,  
20 maintenance, and repair of HVAC systems;

21 (ii) Actual and projected costs for the medical treatment of  
22 HVAC-related illnesses; and

23 (iii) Actual and projected costs in loss of worker productivity  
24 because of HVAC-related illnesses;

25 (2) Make recommendations regarding:

26 (i) The prevention of workers' HVAC-related illnesses, including a  
27 monitoring program to identify the probable onset of HVAC-related illnesses and  
28 their underlying causes;

29 (ii) The institution of appropriate remedies and controls in ~~office~~  
30 buildings that, because of the dangers of indoor air quality, expose workers to  
31 unwarranted health risks, including the best available treatment technology and the  
32 feasibility of voluntary prevention and pollution reduction programs;

1 (iii) A plan to provide educational information and, as may be  
2 necessary, warnings to affected workers regarding health and environmental risks  
3 associated with the indoor air quality of their ~~office~~ building sites; and

4 (iv) Legislative or regulatory measures that are necessary and  
5 appropriate to address current gaps in federal, State, and local protection of ~~office~~  
6 workers from HVAC-borne toxins; and

7 (3) Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the  
8 Governor, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General  
9 Assembly, on or before July 1, 2002.

10 (e) ~~The Department of the Environment, in cooperation with other~~  
11 ~~appropriate State agencies; State agencies represented on the Task Force~~ shall  
12 provide staff support for the Task Force.

13 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
14 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
15 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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