

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 662

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 3, 5, and 10, in each instance, strike “Industry” and substitute “and Aquaculture Industries”; and in line 6, after the first “Force” insert “, certain workgroups, and a certain executive committee; prohibiting a member from participating in certain Task Force or workgroup functions under a certain circumstance; prohibiting a member from receiving certain compensation, and authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing for the staffing of the Task Force and certain workgroups; requiring the Task Force to meet with a certain frequency; prohibiting a member from participating in certain Task Force activities under a certain circumstance”; and in line 6, after “a” insert “certain”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Wood” and substitute “Wood, W. Baker, Burns, Cadden, Cane, Clagett, Conroy, D’Amato, Fulton, Gladden, Hecht, Hutchins, James, Kelly, Krysiak, Lee, McClenahan, Nathan-Pulliam, Pitkin, Riley, Rudolph, Stern, Valderrama, and Walkup”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 14, strike “Industry” and substitute “and Aquaculture Industries”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 8 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(b) The Task Force shall consist of two workgroups:

- (1) the seafood industry workgroup; and
- (2) the aquaculture industry workgroup.

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- (c) (1) The seafood industry workgroup shall consist of the following 21 members:
- the House;
- (i) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
- (ii) two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (iii) the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee;
- (iv) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the  
Secretary's designee;
- (v) the Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary's designee;
- (vi) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's  
designee;
- (vii) the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee;
- (viii) three representatives of the University System of Maryland, appointed  
by the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland or the Chancellor's designee as follows:
- Resources;
1. one representative of the College of Agriculture and Natural
2. one representative of the University of Maryland Eastern  
Shore; and
3. one representative of the Maryland Sea Grant College;
- (ix) two representatives of the Maryland Watermen's Association;
- (x) two representatives of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries  
Association;
- (xi) one representative of the Restaurant Association of Maryland;
- (xii) one representative of the Food Dealers Council of the Maryland

Retailers Association;

(xiii) one representative of the Maryland Aquaculture Association;

(xiv) one representative of the seafood processing industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(xv) one representative of the seafood value-added food manufacturing industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(2) The seafood industry workgroup shall:

(i) study and develop methods of expanding local and national markets for Maryland seafood;

(ii) explore whether existing seafood marketing techniques are being fully utilized by the industry and, if not, what is needed to increase the utilization of these techniques;

(iii) study and develop innovative seafood processing techniques;

(iv) review the methods other states have implemented to develop their seafood industries;

(v) consider and include as appropriate in its report the findings of any other task force or work group engaged in a study that impacts the economic development of the seafood industry; and

(vi) review and evaluate legislative and regulatory issues and permitting procedures to facilitate sustainable development of the industry.

(d) (1) The aquaculture industry workgroup shall consist of the following 19 members:

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- the House;
  - (i) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
  - (ii) two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (iii) the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee;
  - (iv) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the  
Secretary's designee;
  - (v) the Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary's designee;
  - (vi) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's  
designee;
  - (vii) the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee;
  - (viii) four representatives of the University System of Maryland, appointed  
by the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland or the Chancellor's designee as follows:
    - 1. one representative of the University of Maryland  
Biotechnology Institute;
    - 2. one representative of the College of Agriculture and Natural  
Resources;
    - 3. one representative of the University of Maryland Center for  
Environmental Science; and
    - 4. one representative of the Maryland Sea Grant College;
  - (ix) one representative of the Maryland Watermen's Association;
  - (x) two representatives of the Maryland Aquaculture Association;

(xi) one representative of the Food Dealers Council of the Maryland Retailers Association;

(xii) one representative of the seafood processing industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(xiii) one representative of the seafood value-added food manufacturing industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(2) The aquaculture industry workgroup shall:

(i) assess the status, economic viability, and potential of the Maryland aquaculture industry;

(ii) assess the economic, technical, and educational requirements for enhancement of the Maryland aquaculture industry;

(iii) develop mechanisms to enhance coordination among agencies and the University of Maryland to strengthen the aquaculture industry;

(iv) study and recommend innovative methods for aquaculture to target commercial production and restoration of critical species;

(v) review methods undertaken in other states to develop their aquaculture industries;

(vi) consider and include as appropriate in its report the findings of any other task force or work group engaged in a study that impacts the economic development of the aquaculture industry; and

(vii) review and evaluate legislative and regulatory issues and permitting procedures to facilitate sustainable development of the industry.

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- (e) As the need arises, the Task Force or a workgroup may consult with:
- (1) a representative of a federal agency;
  - (2) a private consultant;
  - (3) a member of the general public; or
  - (4) any other individual with expertise in the area of economic development, the seafood industry, the aquaculture industry, or any other related field.”.

On page 2, in line 9, strike “(c)” and substitute “(f)(1)(i)”; in the same line, strike “The Governor” and substitute “Except as prohibited under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Secretary of Agriculture”; after line 10, insert:

“(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture may not serve as the chairperson of the Task Force.

(2) The chairperson of the Task Force shall designate a chairperson for each workgroup.

(g) (1) The executive committee of the Task Force shall consist of the following 9 members of the Task Force:

- (i) the chairperson of the Task Force;
- (ii) the chairperson of each workgroup; and
- (iii) three additional members of each workgroup, designated by the chairperson of the respective members’ workgroup.

(2) The chairperson of the Task Force and the executive committee shall:

- (i) ensure the progress and coordination of the workgroups’ activities; and

(ii) as appropriate, integrate the findings of both workgroups in the final report of the Task Force.”;

in lines 11, 15, 29, and 31, strike “(d)”, “(f)”, “(h)”, and “(i)”, respectively, and substitute “(h)”, “(j)”, “(k)”, and “(l)”, respectively; in line 11, after “Force” insert “and each workgroup”; strike in their entirety lines 12 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

“(i) (1) (i) The Task Force shall meet as a whole at least once every 3 months.

(ii) At each meeting of the Task Force, each workgroup shall report on its progress to date.

(2) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if a member of the Task Force is absent from more than two meetings of:

1. the Task Force, the member may not participate in the decision-making process, report, or recommendations of the Task Force; or

2. the member’s workgroup, the member may not participate in the decision-making process, report, or recommendations of the workgroup.

(ii) A member may not be considered absent from a meeting if:

1. the chairperson of the Task Force or workgroup, as applicable, has excused the member’s absence in advance of the meeting; or

2. another individual designated by the member represents the member at the meeting.”;

strike in their entirety lines 18 through 28, inclusive; strike beginning with the first “and” in line 29 down through “Development” in line 30; in line 30, after “Force” insert “and for each workgroup”; in line 31, after “2004” insert “and in a format considered appropriate by the executive committee”;

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in the same line, strike “its” and substitute “the”; in line 32, after “recommendations” insert “of each workgroup, including appropriate legislative or regulatory proposals,”; and in line 33, strike “Committee” and substitute “and Economic Matters Committees”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “years” insert “and 4 months”.