HOUSE BILL 979

By: **Delegates Franchot and Hixson**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Task Force to Study the Impact of Relaxed Federal Environmental**
3   **Standards on Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Impact of Relaxed Federal
5   Environmental Standards on Maryland, as proposed by the President of the
6   United States; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force;
7   providing for the appointment of a chairperson of the Task Force; providing for
8   staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor
9   and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and
10   generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Impact of
11   Relaxed Federal Environmental Standards on Maryland.

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

14   (a)   There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Relaxed Federal
15 Environmental Standards on Maryland, as proposed by the President of the United
16 States.

17   (b)   The Task Force consists of the following 5 members, appointed by the
18 Governor:

19   (1)   Two members of the Senate of Maryland; and

20   (2)   Three members of the House of Delegates.

21   (c)   The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

22   (d)   The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

23   (e)   On completion of the study, the Task Force shall report its findings and
24 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with §
25 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

26   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of

 1 September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
 2 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.