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By: **Delegate Zirkin**  
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Environment - Task Force to Study the Use of Chlorine in the Treatment of**  
3                                   **Drinking Water**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Use of Chlorine in the  
5 Treatment of Drinking Water; providing for the membership of the task force;  
6 requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the task force; requiring the task  
7 force to study certain environmental and security issues surrounding the use of  
8 chlorine in drinking water, perform certain analyses, and make certain  
9 recommendations; providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of  
10 the task force; requiring the task force to report to the Governor and the General  
11 Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
12 generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force to Study the Use of  
13 Chlorine in the Treatment of Drinking Water.

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

16       (a)       There is a Task Force to Study the Use of Chlorine in the Treatment of  
17 Drinking Water.

18       (b)       The task force shall consist of the following members:

19               (1)       two members of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the  
20 Speaker of the House;

21               (2)       two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President  
22 of the Senate;

23               (3)       three persons appointed by the Secretary of the Environment,  
24 including one representative from the Water Quality Monitoring Division;

25               (4)       two persons representing public water systems in the State,  
26 appointed by the Governor; and

27               (5)       two persons of the general public with expertise in the treatment of  
28 public drinking water, appointed by the Governor.

1 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the task force.

2 (d) The task force shall:

3 (1) study the environmental issues surrounding the use of chlorine in  
4 drinking water treatment;

5 (2) perform a risk assessment and cost analysis relating to the use of  
6 chlorine in drinking water treatment;

7 (3) examine the security issues surrounding the use of chlorine in  
8 drinking water treatment and the storage of chlorine used to treat drinking water;  
9 and

10 (4) recommend any changes in the use of chlorine in drinking water  
11 treatment or the storage of chlorine used to treat drinking water.

12 (e) A member of the task force:

13 (1) may not receive compensation; but

14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
15 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff support for the  
17 task force.

18 (g) The task force shall issue a final report of its findings and  
19 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
20 Article, to the General Assembly on or before May 31, 2003.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
22 effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of  
23 May 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
24 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.