
By: **Delegate Carlson**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Water System Chlorination**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Water System Chlorination;
4 providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force;
5 requiring the Task Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing
6 for the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 Task Force to Study Water System Chlorination.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Water System Chlorination.

11 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

12 (1) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates selected by the
13 Speaker of the House;

14 (2) two members of the Senate of Maryland selected by the President of
15 the Senate;

16 (3) two members from the Maryland Association of Counties selected by
17 the Governor;

18 (4) one member designated by the United States Environmental
19 Protection Agency;

20 (5) the Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary's designee;

21 (6) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's
22 designee;

23 (7) one member designated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
24 Commission;

25 (8) one member representing water utilities other than the Washington
26 Suburban Sanitary Commission;

1 (9) two members from academic institutions in the State with scientific
2 knowledge and expertise in water quality issues selected by the Governor; and

3 (10) two members of the general public selected by the Governor.

4 (c) Each member of the Task Force shall be appointed on or before July 1,
5 2002.

6 (d) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

7 (e) The Department of the Environment and the Department of Health and
8 Mental Hygiene shall provide staff support and technical assistance to the Task
9 Force.

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

13 (g) The Task Force shall:

14 (1) study the chlorination and other methods used by water utilities to
15 disinfect water supplied in Maryland;

16 (2) study and assess the levels, potential health effects, and persistence
17 of chlorination by-products in the water supply as they may affect individuals living
18 and working in Maryland;

19 (3) assess alternative methods of disinfection that may involve lower
20 levels of chlorination by-products in the water supply, and the potential health
21 effects, both risks and benefits, that may accrue from using these alternative
22 methods;

23 (4) obtain public input on the use of current and alternative disinfection
24 methods for the water supply; and

25 (5) make appropriate recommendations on any changes that may be
26 advisable in the disinfection and treatment of water in the water systems to maintain
27 high water quality standards and minimize potential health effects in individuals
28 living and working in Maryland.

29 (h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
30 General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before
31 December 31, 2002.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
34 2003, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.