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Introduced by ~~Delegate McIntosh~~ **Delegates McIntosh, Sophocleus, Love,
Cadden, and Rosso**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Evaluate the Development and Construction of a Magnetic**
3 **Levitation Transportation System**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Evaluate the Development and
5 Construction of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System; specifying the
6 membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of
7 chairpersons of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force;
8 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation;
9 authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain
10 expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Evaluate the
13 Development and Construction of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System.

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Preamble

2 WHEREAS, The eastern seaboard of the United States constitutes the most
3 highly developed and integrated region of the United States, which requires an
4 effective and efficient transportation system in order to maintain and enhance its
5 economic well-being; and

6 WHEREAS, The existing modes and methods of transporting people and goods
7 are near or at capacity, suggesting the need for innovative new technology as a means
8 of continuing and maintaining growth, development, and job creation within the
9 region; and

10 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has enacted Public Law No.
11 105-178, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, which authorizes the
12 funding, in part, for deployment of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System
13 (Maglev) as an alternative; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Railroad Administration has approved the continued
15 evaluation of a demonstration project for Maglev between the metropolitan areas of
16 Baltimore and Washington; and

17 WHEREAS, A Task Force formed to evaluate the development and construction
18 of a prototype Maglev system would make possible an intensive review of innovative
19 ownership structures and potential public/private financing sources for the
20 construction, ownership, and operation of the prototype Maglev system; now,
21 therefore,

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That:

24 (a) There is a Task Force to Evaluate the Development and Construction of a
25 Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (Maglev) in Maryland between Baltimore
26 and the District of Columbia.

27 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) ~~2~~ three members of the Senate of Maryland, who represent legislative
29 districts containing the residential communities that will be the most significantly
30 impacted by the Maglev, appointed by the President of the Senate;

31 (2) ~~2~~ 5 three members of the Maryland House of Delegates who represent
32 legislative districts containing the residential communities that will be the most
33 significantly impacted by the Maglev, appointed by the Speaker of the House; ~~as~~
34 follows:

35 (i) ~~one member from Anne Arundel County;~~

36 (ii) ~~one member from Baltimore County;~~

37 (iii) ~~one member from Howard County;~~

- 1 ~~(iv)~~ one member from Montgomery County; and
- 2 ~~(v)~~ one member from Prince George's County;
- 3 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
5 Secretary's designee;
- 6 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's
7 designee;
- 8 ~~(6)~~ the Secretary of the Department of Planning, or the Secretary's
9 designee;
- 10 ~~(7)~~ one member of local government, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore
11 City;
- 12 ~~(8)~~ five members of local government, appointed by the county executive
13 in each of the following counties as follows:
- 14 (i) one member from Anne Arundel County;
- 15 (ii) one member from Baltimore County;
- 16 (iii) one member from Howard County;
- 17 (iv) one member from Montgomery County; and
- 18 (v) one member from Prince George's County;
- 19 ~~(6)~~ ~~(9)~~ five members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
20 and the Speaker of the House to represent each of the following areas of expertise:
- 21 (i) engineering and construction;
- 22 (ii) banking and financing;
- 23 (iii) technology manufacturing;
- 24 (iv) transportation; and
- 25 (v) business development; and
- 26 ~~(7)~~ ~~(10)~~ six members who represent the residential communities that
27 will be the most significantly impacted by the Maglev, appointed by the Governor as
28 follows:
- 29 (i) one member from Anne Arundel County;
- 30 (ii) one member from Baltimore City;

- 1 ~~(ii)~~ *(iii)* one member from Baltimore County;
2 ~~(iii)~~ *(iv)* one member from Howard County;
3 ~~(iv)~~ *(v)* one member from Montgomery County; and
4 ~~(v)~~ *(vi)* one member from Prince George's County.

5 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly
6 designate 2 of the members as co-chairs of the Task Force.

7 (d) The Task Force shall:

8 (1) examine various alternative funding mechanisms as well as the
9 feasibility and benefits of and alternatives for establishing a State or
10 multijurisdictional authority, including as a partner the District of Columbia, to
11 implement the Maglev system. In this regard, the Task Force shall obtain input from
12 appropriate representatives of the District of Columbia and shall consider potential
13 State and local funding that may be required by the authority to implement the
14 project, taking into consideration the funding requirements of other transportation
15 projects;

16 (2) examine various alternative structures and public/private
17 partnership potential for the design, construction, ownership, and operation of the
18 Maglev system and for obtaining the financing required for these purposes;

19 (3) consider how to achieve the objectives of federal law regarding
20 implementing a public/private partnership within the context of a State or
21 multijurisdictional authority;

22 (4) evaluate the need for modifications to the procurement system to
23 respond to the needs of a Maglev system;

24 (5) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a State or
25 multijurisdictional authority and the role to be played by the State and its various
26 agencies; and

27 (6) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with
28 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before
29 December 1, 2002.

30 (e) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support for the Task
31 Force.

32 (f) A member of the Task Force:

33 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
3 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.