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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.

14 Preamble

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

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

1 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has enacted Public Law No.
2 105-178, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, which authorizes the
3 funding, in part, for deployment of a Magnetic Levitation Transportation System
4 (Maglev) as an alternative; and

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

8 WHEREAS, A Task Force formed to evaluate the development and construction
9 of a prototype Maglev system would make possible an intensive review of innovative
10 ownership structures and potential public/private financing sources for the
11 construction, ownership, and operation of the prototype Maglev system; now,
12 therefore,

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

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

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

19 (1) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
20 the Senate;

21 (2) 2 5 members of the Maryland House of Delegates who represent
22 legislative districts containing the residential communities that will be the most
23 significantly impacted by the Maglev, appointed by the Speaker of the House as
24 follows:

25 (i) one member from Anne Arundel County;

26 (ii) one member from Baltimore County;

27 (iii) one member from Howard County;

28 (iv) one member from Montgomery County; and

29 (v) one member from Prince George's County;

30 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

31 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
32 Secretary's designee;

33 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's
34 designee;

1 (6) 5 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the
2 Speaker of the House to represent each of the following areas of expertise:

- 3 (i) engineering and construction;
- 4 (ii) banking and financing;
- 5 (iii) technology manufacturing;
- 6 (iv) transportation; and
- 7 (v) business development; and

8 (7) 5 members who represent the residential communities that will be
9 the most significantly impacted by the Maglev, appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 10 (i) one member from Anne Arundel County;
- 11 (ii) one member from Baltimore County;
- 12 (iii) one member from Howard County;
- 13 (iv) one member from Montgomery County; and
- 14 (v) one member from Prince George's County.

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

17 (d) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) examine various alternative funding mechanisms as well as the
19 feasibility and benefits of and alternatives for establishing a State or
20 multijurisdictional authority, including as a partner the District of Columbia, to
21 implement the Maglev system. In this regard, the Task Force shall obtain input from
22 appropriate representatives of the District of Columbia and shall consider potential
23 State and local funding that may be required by the authority to implement the
24 project, taking into consideration the funding requirements of other transportation
25 projects;

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

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

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

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

4 (6) report its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with
5 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before
6 December 1, 2002.

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

9 (f) A member of the Task Force:

10 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
15 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
16 abrogated and of no further force and effect.