

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 81

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State”; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the task force; providing for the staffing of the task force; prohibiting a member from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State.”;

strike in their entirety lines 11 through 20; and in line 22, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 33 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State.

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

(1) one member of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative from the American Legion;

(ii) one representative from the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

(iii) one representative from the Military Officers Association;

(iv) one representative from the Retired Enlisted Association;

(v) one representative who is a certified public accountant; and

(vi) three representatives from the general public.

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

(d) The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Legislative Services shall provide staffing for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall determine:

(1) the number of retired military service personnel in the State of Maryland;

(2) the number of retired military service personnel engaged in a second career or

secondary employment of any kind;

(3) the average expenditures by retired military service personnel on an annual basis for goods and services and the estimated sales tax generated by retired military service personnel in the State;

(4) the average expenditures in the form of State, county, and local government services delivered to retired military service personnel in comparison to the adult population as a whole;

(5) the cost of health care services provided by the State to retired military service personnel in comparison to the adult population as a whole; and

(6) the average State, county, and local real estate taxes paid by retired military service personnel on an annual basis.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.