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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - Task Force to Study Breaking and Entering of Shops**
3 **Engaged in the Retail Sale of Guns**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Breaking and Entering of
5 Shops Engaged in the Retail Sale of Guns; specifying the membership and
6 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint a chairman of the
7 Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing that a member of
8 the Task Force may not receive compensation but may receive a certain
9 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to provide a certain report to the
10 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
11 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study
12 Breaking and Entering of Shops Engaged in the Retail Sale of Guns.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Breaking and Entering of Shops Engaged in
16 the Retail Sale of Guns.

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

18 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
19 the Senate;

20 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House;

22 (3) the Executive Director of the Maryland Municipal League, or the
23 Executive Director's designee;

24 (4) the Secretary of the State Police, or the Secretary's designee; and

25 (5) the following members appointed by the Governor:

26 (i) one owner or operator of a shop engaged in the retail sale of
27 guns;

1 (ii) one representative of a private security service that provides
2 security for shops engaged in the retail sale of guns;

3 (iii) one representative of an insurance company that provides
4 insurance for shops engaged in the retail sale of guns;

5 (iv) one representative of the National Rifle Association; and

6 (v) one representative of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun
7 Violence.

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

9 (d) The Department of State Police shall provide staff for the Task Force.

10 (e) A member of the Task Force:

11 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

14 (f) The Task Force shall:

15 (1) study the issue of breaking and entering of shops engaged in the
16 retail sale of guns which result in the theft of firearms; and

17 (2) make recommendations regarding ways to improve the ability of
18 owners of shops engaged in the retail sale of guns to defend their premises against
19 breaking and entering resulting in the theft of firearms.

20 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
21 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
22 Assembly on or before December 31, 2003.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months
25 and, at the end of December 31, 2004, with no further action required by the General
26 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.