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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority Owned Automobile Dealerships**  
3                           **in Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority Owned  
5 Automobile Dealerships in Maryland; providing for a certain membership of the  
6 Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing a certain staff for  
7 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the  
8 General Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting certain persons from  
9 the receipt of certain compensation, and authorizing the reimbursement of  
10 certain expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
11 relating to the Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority Owned Automobile  
12 Dealerships in Maryland.

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

15       (a)       There is a Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority Owned Automobile  
16 Dealerships in Maryland.

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

18               (1)       two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
19 of the Senate as follows:

20                   (i)       one member from the Senate Finance Committee; and

21                   (ii)      one member from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee;

22               (2)       three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
23 of the House as follows:

24                   (i)       one member from the House Appropriations Committee;

25                   (ii)      one member from the House Economic Matters Committee; and

26                   (iii)     one member from the House Judiciary Committee;

1 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (4) two representatives from the automobile manufacturing industry,  
4 appointed by the Governor;

5 (5) two representatives from the automobile dealership industry,  
6 appointed by the Governor;

7 (6) two representatives from the banking industry, appointed by the  
8 Governor; and

9 (7) two members of the general public, appointed by the Governor.

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

11 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide  
12 staff for the Task Force.

13 (e) A member of the Task Force:

14 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

17 (f) The Task Force shall:

18 (1) study the automobile industry in the State to determine why there  
19 are so few minority owned dealerships in the State;

20 (2) determine the number of minority owned automobile dealerships in  
21 the State;

22 (3) compile statistics on the number of minority owned automobile  
23 dealerships compared to the number of minorities who purchase automobiles; and

24 (4) make recommendations on methods to increase the number of  
25 minority owned dealerships in the State.

26 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
27 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
28 Assembly on or before December 1, 2006.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
30 effect October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 3 months  
31 and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General  
32 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.