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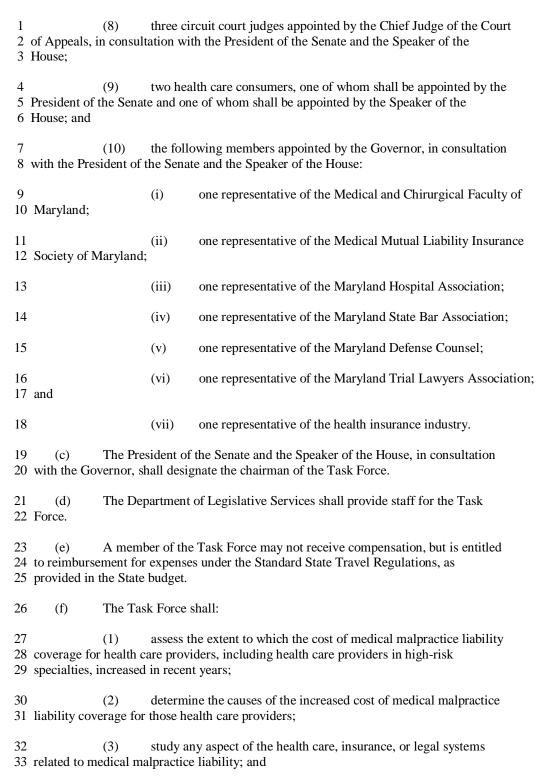
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning	
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2	Task Force on Medical Malpractice			
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10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 11 MARYLAND, That:				
12	(a)	There is	s a Task Force on Medical Malpractice.	
13	(b)	The Tas	sk Force consists of the following members:	
14 15	of the Senat	(1) te;	three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President	
16 17	of the Hous	(2) e;	three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker	
18		(3)	the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;	
19 20	designee;	(4)	the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's	
21 22	designee;	(5)	the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's	
23 24	designee;	(6)	the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office, or the Director's	

the Chairman of the State Board of Physicians, or the Chairman's



- 1 (4) make recommendations to address the increased costs of medical 2 malpractice liability coverage.
- 3 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
- 4 Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
- 5 General Assembly on or before December 15, 2004.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 7 effect June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end
- 8 of December 31, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 9 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.