
By: **Delegate Jennings**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks
4 in Flood Areas; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force;
5 providing for staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit, by
6 certain dates, certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly;
7 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
8 Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood Areas.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood
12 Areas.

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

14 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
17 the House;

18 (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (4) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
20 Secretary's designee; and

21 (5) The following members appointed by the Governor:

22 (i) A representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

23 (ii) A representative of the Maryland Municipal League;

24 (iii) A representative of a homeowner's association located in an
25 area of nontidal or tidal inundation;

1 (iv) A representative of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
2 Regulation; and

3 (v) A representative of the aboveground oil tank manufacturing
4 industry.

5 (c) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the
6 chairman of the Task Force.

7 (d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

8 (e) A member of the Task Force:

9 (1) May not receive compensation; but

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

12 (f) The Task Force shall:

13 (1) Review national and State building, fire, and safety codes related to
14 the construction, installation, and maintenance of residential aboveground oil tanks;
15 and

16 (2) Make recommendations for a statewide standard for the installation
17 and maintenance of residential aboveground oil tanks located in areas of nontidal or
18 tidal inundation.

19 (g) The Task Force shall report:

20 (1) Preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
21 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on
22 or before January 1, 2005; and

23 (2) Final findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
24 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on
25 or before October 1, 2005.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the
28 end of October 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
29 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.