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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast Operators**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed
4 and Breakfast Operators; providing for the composition, chairman, and staff of
5 the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive
6 compensation, but may be reimbursed for certain expenses; providing for the
7 duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and
8 to the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this
9 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Health Regulations for
10 Bed and Breakfast Operators.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast
14 Operators.

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

16 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House;

20 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
21 designee;

22 (4) one representative of a local department of health, appointed by the
23 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

24 (5) the chairman of the Maryland Tourism Development Board, or the
25 chairman's designee;

26 (6) one representative of the Maryland Tourism Council;

1 (7) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties,
2 appointed by the Governor;

3 (8) one representative from a rural regional economic development
4 organization, appointed by the Governor;

5 (9) one representative from an urban regional economic development
6 organization, appointed by the Governor;

7 (10) two operators of a bed and breakfast, one of whom operates a bed and
8 breakfast having five rooms or less, appointed by the Maryland Bed and Breakfast
9 Association; and

10 (11) one representative from the Annapolis Bed and Breakfast
11 Association.

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

13 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
14 Force.

15 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
16 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
17 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) study the health regulations that govern bed and breakfast
20 operators;

21 (2) study the advantages and disadvantages of requiring a commercial or
22 stainless steel kitchen when serving a hot meal;

23 (3) compare State health regulations with health regulations in other
24 states that govern bed and breakfast operators; and

25 (4) make recommendations regarding:

26 (i) the need for a commercial or stainless steel kitchen when
27 serving a hot meal; and

28 (ii) the need for a change in current regulation of bed and breakfast
29 operators.

30 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
31 Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
32 General Assembly on or before December 30, 2004.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That to the extent practicable,
34 appointments shall be made to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender
35 diversity on the Task Force.

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