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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Aliens on Uncompensated Health**
3 **Care**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Aliens on
5 Uncompensated Health Care; providing for the composition of the Task Force;
6 requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for
7 the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from receiving certain
8 compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain reimbursement;
9 establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its
10 findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing
11 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study
12 the Impact of Illegal Aliens on Uncompensated Health Care.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Aliens on
16 Uncompensated Health Care.

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

18 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
19 of the Senate;

20 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House;

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

24 (4) five members, appointed by the Governor, who are experts in the
25 field of immigration law or health care; and

26 (5) five consumer members, appointed by the Governor.

27 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

1 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of
2 Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

3 (e) A member of the Task Force:

4 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

7 (f) The Task Force shall:

8 (1) study the impact of illegal aliens on health care providers in the
9 State;

10 (2) study the effect of illegal aliens on the cost of health care in the State;

11 (3) ascertain the amount and cost of services that health care
12 practitioners and institutions provide to illegal aliens; and

13 (4) make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems
14 documented by the Task Force.

15 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
16 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
17 General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2005.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
20 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.