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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Illegal Immigrants in Maryland's Job Market and the**
3 **Feasibility of Adapting Migrant Agricultural Laborer Laws**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Illegal Immigrants in Maryland's
5 Job Market and the Feasibility of Adapting Migrant Agricultural Laborer Laws;
6 providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to
7 designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task
8 Force; prohibiting a member from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a
9 member to receive certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task
10 Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the
11 General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to a Task Force on Illegal Immigrants in Maryland's Job
13 Market and the Feasibility of Adapting Migrant Agricultural Laborer Laws.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force on Illegal Immigrants in Maryland's Job Market and
17 the Feasibility of Adapting Migrant Agricultural Laborer Laws.

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

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

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

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

25 (4) five members, appointed by the Governor; 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 Business and Economic Development and the
2 Department of 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 immigrants on the job market in the State;

9 (2) determine which job categories, industries, or businesses have
10 significant numbers of illegal immigrant workers;

11 (3) assess the effect of employment of illegal immigrants on the
12 competitive bidding process;

13 (4) ascertain the number of jobs in which illegal immigrants unfairly
14 replace citizens;

15 (5) study the feasibility of adapting migrant agricultural laborer laws to
16 the restaurant, hotel and related industries; and

17 (6) make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems
18 documented by the Task Force.

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

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
24 December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
25 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.