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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records;
 4 providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to elect
 5 a chair of the Task Force from among the Task Force's members; requiring the
 6 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staffing for the Task
 7 Force; prohibiting members from receiving compensation but entitling members
 8 to reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study
 9 electronic health records and the current and potential expansion of electronic
 10 health record utilization in the State; requiring the Task Force to submit a
 11 certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this
 12 Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following ~~22~~ 26 members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
 18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
 20 the House;

21 (3) the Dean from the University of Maryland School of Medicine or the
 22 Dean's designee;

- 1 (4) the Dean from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine or the Dean's
2 designee;
- 3 (5) ~~the Dean from the Uniformed Services University of the Health~~
4 ~~Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine or the Dean's designee~~ the Director of
5 the VA Maryland Health Care System or the Director's designee;
- 6 (6) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- 7 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 8 (i) one representative from the Department of Health and Mental
9 Hygiene;
- 10 (ii) one representative from the Department of Budget and
11 Management;
- 12 (iii) one representative from ~~the Attorney General's Office a~~
13 Federally Qualified Health Center;
- 14 (iv) two representatives from the Maryland Hospital Association,
15 ~~one both~~ of whom ~~represents~~ represent a community hospital;
- 16 (v) one representative from the Medical Records Privacy
17 Commission;
- 18 (vi) one representative from the Maryland/DC Collaborative for
19 Healthcare Information Technology;
- 20 (vii) one representative from home health care;
- 21 (viii) one representative from a medical laboratory;
- 22 (ix) ~~one representative~~ two representatives from a nursing home or
23 long-term care facility;
- 24 (x) one representative from the information technology field as it
25 relates to health care;
- 26 (xi) one representative from the health insurance industry;
- 27 (xii) one nonhospital-based licensed physician with expertise in the
28 subject matter;
- 29 (xiii) one nonhospital-based psychiatrist;
- 30 (xiv) one licensed dentist;
- 31 (xiii) (xv) one licensed nurse;
- 32 (xiv) (xvi) one licensed pharmacist; and

1 (~~xv~~) xvii two consumer members.

2 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the Task
3 Force's members.

4 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
5 Task Force.

6 (e) A member of the Task Force:

7 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

10 (f) The Task Force shall study electronic health records and the current and
11 potential expansion of electronic health record utilization in the State, including:

12 (1) electronic transfer;

13 (2) electronic prescribing;

14 (3) computerized physician order entry; ~~and~~

15 (4) the cost of implementing items (1) through (3) of this subsection in
16 the State;

17 (5) the impact of the current and potential expansion on school health
18 records; and

19 (6) the impact of the current and potential expansion on patient safety.

20 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to §
21 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December
22 31, ~~2006~~ 2007.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year~~ 2 years and 6 months and,
25 at the end of December 31, ~~2006~~ 2007, with no further action required by the General
26 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.