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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland  
4 Women Veterans Memorial; providing for the composition and staffing of the  
5 Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing certain  
6 reimbursement for travel expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its  
7 findings and recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the  
8 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force on the  
9 Establishment of a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial.

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

12 (a) There is a Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland Women  
13 Veterans Memorial.

14 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 9 members:

15 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who serves on the Maryland  
16 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;

17 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who serves on the Maryland  
18 General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

19 (3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's designee; and

20 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

21 (i) two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission; and

22 (ii) four representatives of women's veterans organizations.

23 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect the chairman from among the  
24 Task Force's members.

1 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Task Force.

2 (e) A member of the Task Force:

3 (1) may not receive compensation; but

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

6 (f) The Task Force shall identify and recommend the funding, design,  
7 construction, and placement of an appropriate memorial or monument dedicated to  
8 women from Maryland who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of the  
9 United States of America.

10 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
11 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
12 Assembly on or before December 31, 2005.

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