

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 150  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "Task Force to Study Gambling Treatment Programs in Circuit Courts and the District Court"; in line 3, after the first "of" insert "creating a Task Force to Study Gambling Treatment Programs in Circuit Courts and the District Court"; in line 9, after "services;" insert "providing for the membership, chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for reimbursement of expenses of Task Force members"; strike beginning with "Chief" in line 9 down through "persons," in line 10 and substitute "Task Force"; in line 11, strike "include certain findings" and substitute "contain certain information; providing for the termination of this Act"; in line 12, strike "establishment of" and substitute "study of how"; and in the same line, after "programs" insert "may be established".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "That" in line 1 down through "programs" in line 10 and substitute "That:"

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Gambling Treatment Programs in Circuit Courts and the District Court.

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

(1) the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals or the designee of the Chief Judge;

(2) two members of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals, appointed by the Chief Judge;

(3) two members of the Conference of Circuit Judges or the members' designees, appointed by the Chief Judge;

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(4) three members of the Maryland State Bar Association, appointed by the Governor;

(5) one member of the general public who specializes in the treatment of gambling addiction through research, education, crisis intervention, residential programs, and support services, appointed by the Governor;

(6) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(7) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(c) The Chief Judge or the designee of the Chief Judge shall serve as chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall study how a system of gambling treatment programs may be established in circuit courts and the District Court, taking into account all operational components and aspects of such a system”;

and after line 23, insert:

“(e) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

(g) On or before December 1, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 25, after “2006.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and

3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.