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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Green Building**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Green Building; establishing the
4 membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Speaker of the House
5 and President of the Senate to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing
6 the Task Force to establish certain subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to
7 evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the
8 Task Force to submit a preliminary and final report to the Governor and
9 General Assembly and its committees regarding its recommendations by a
10 certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
11 compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain
12 reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
13 relating to the Task Force on Green Building.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - State Finance and Procurement

16 Section 5-9A-01 and the subtitle "Subtitle 9A. Task Force on Green Building"

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

22 **SUBTITLE 9A. TASK FORCE ON GREEN BUILDING.**

23 5-9A-01.

24 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON GREEN BUILDING.

25 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

26 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
27 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

1 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

3 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S
4 DESIGNEE;

5 (4) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

6 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR
7 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

8 (6) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

9 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
10 ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
11 RESOURCES;

12 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND ENERGY
13 ADMINISTRATION;

14 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
15 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE;

16 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARYLAND'S OFFICE OF SMART
17 GROWTH;

18 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
19 INDUSTRY;

20 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING
21 INDUSTRY;

22 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ZONING
23 AND PLANNING TEAM;

24 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL
25 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER; AND

26 (IX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
27 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

28 (C) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND PRESIDENT OF THE
29 SENATE JOINTLY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.

30 (D) THE TASK FORCE MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AS IT DETERMINES
31 NECESSARY TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES.

32 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
33 THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

1 (F) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
2 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
3 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN
4 THE STATE BUDGET.

5 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

6 (1) EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING METHODS
7 OF FACILITATING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE
8 COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING LOW-IMPACT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
9 INCLUDING:

10 (I) STUDYING LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT CODES AROUND THE
11 COUNTRY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNIQUES TO DETERMINE WHAT MAKES A
12 PROGRAM EFFECTIVE;

13 (II) EVALUATING INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES TO
14 IMPLEMENTING A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING BEST
15 PRACTICES TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION REGARDING A GREEN BUILDING
16 PROGRAM TO COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND DEVELOPERS; AND

17 (III) IDENTIFYING STATEWIDE POTENTIAL FOR LOW-IMPACT
18 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR COST REDUCTION FOR
19 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ROAD BUILDING, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
20 COMMUNITIES IN LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ZONING AREAS; AND

21 (2) (I) SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF
23 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
24 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL
25 MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2007; AND

26 (II) SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND
27 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF
28 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE
29 OCTOBER 1, 2007.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the
32 end of October 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
33 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.