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CHAPTER _____

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:

1 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

2 SUBTITLE 9A. TASK FORCE ON GREEN BUILDING.

3 5-9A-01.

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

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

6 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
7 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;8 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE
9 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;10 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S
11 DESIGNEE;

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

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

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

16 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
17 ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
18 RESOURCES;19 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND ENERGY
20 ADMINISTRATION;21 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
22 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE;23 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARYLAND'S OFFICE OF SMART
24 GROWTH;25 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
26 INDUSTRY;27 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE ~~FROM THE~~ OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING
28 ~~INDUSTRY OWNERS~~;29 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMERCIAL
30 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;31 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUILDING PRODUCT
32 MANUFACTURER'S INDUSTRY;

1 ~~(IX)~~ (X) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF
2 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS;

3 ~~(VII)~~ (X) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S
4 ZONING AND PLANNING TEAM;

5 ~~(VIII)~~ (XI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT
6 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER;
7 AND

8 ~~(IX)~~ (XII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
9 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

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

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

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

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

20 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

21 (1) EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING METHODS
22 OF FACILITATING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE
23 COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING LOW-IMPACT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
24 INCLUDING:

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

28 (II) EVALUATING INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES TO
29 IMPLEMENTING A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING BEST
30 PRACTICES TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION REGARDING A GREEN BUILDING
31 PROGRAM TO COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND DEVELOPERS; AND

32 (III) IDENTIFYING STATEWIDE POTENTIAL FOR LOW-IMPACT
33 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR COST REDUCTION FOR
34 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ROAD BUILDING, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
35 COMMUNITIES IN LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ZONING AREAS; AND

36 (2) (I) SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND
37 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF

1 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL
3 MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2007; AND

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

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