

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Stone**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sex Offender Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Sex Offender Task Force; providing for the
4 membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of the
5 chair and for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task
6 Force from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task
7 Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
8 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly
9 on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
10 generally relating to the establishment of a Sex Offender Task Force.

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

13 (a) There is a Sex Offender Task Force.

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

15 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
16 of the Senate;

17 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House;

19 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
20 Secretary's designee;

21 (4) the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, or the
22 Superintendent's designee;

23 (5) the Director of Parole and Probation, or the Director's designee;

24 (6) the Commissioner of the Division of Correction, or the
25 Commissioner's designee;

1 (7) the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, or the Chief Judge's
2 designee; and

3 (8) the following members appointed by the Governor:

4 (i) one State's Attorney;

5 (ii) one representative of the Office of the Public Defender;

6 (iii) one representative of the Office of Crime Control and
7 Prevention; and

8 (iv) one representative of a victim's rights organization.

9 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Task Force from among the
10 members of the Task Force.

11 (d) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) examine the current laws and issues concerning sex offenders in the
13 State;

14 (2) review laws relating to sex offenders in other states and at the
15 federal level;

16 (3) study how laws can be changed to reduce victimization by sex
17 offenders;

18 (4) make legislative recommendations; and

19 (5) prepare a report summarizing its findings and recommendations.

20 (e) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
21 Force.

22 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
23 the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
24 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

25 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
26 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
27 General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

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