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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming Activities in**  
3 **Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial  
5 Gaming Activities in Maryland; to study and assess certain gaming activities in  
6 the State; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force;  
7 prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation but  
8 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring a report by a  
9 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; providing for a delayed  
10 effective date; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Charitable and  
11 Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Charitable and Commercial Gaming  
15 Activities in Maryland.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) The Task Force shall study and assess the following issues:

2 (1) the current statutory and regulatory provisions governing  
3 charitable and commercial gaming activities at the State and local levels;

4 (2) the prevalence of ~~illegal~~ unregulated charitable and commercial  
5 gaming activities in local jurisdictions;

6 (3) the financial impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities  
7 on qualified organizations conducting the activities, and other organizations that may  
8 benefit financially from such activities;

9 (4) the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on law  
10 enforcement agencies;

11 (5) the impact of charitable and commercial gaming activities on other  
12 types of legalized gaming activities in the State, including the State Lottery and horse  
13 racing;

14 (6) the feasibility of each county and Baltimore City having local  
15 gaming commissions to regulate charitable and commercial gaming activities;

16 (7) how the State may exercise additional or improved oversight of  
17 charitable and commercial gaming activities; and

18 (8) any other issues concerning charitable and commercial gaming  
19 activities in the State.

20 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) a chair, appointed by the Governor;

22 (2) three members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,  
23 appointed by the President of the Senate;

24 (3) three members of the House Committee on Ways and Means,  
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

26 (4) the Comptroller of the Treasury, or the Comptroller's designee;

27 (5) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

28 (6) the Director of the State Lottery Agency, or the Director's designee;

- 1 (7) a representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 2 (8) a representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
- 3 (9) a representative of the Maryland Sheriff's Association; ~~and~~
- 4 (10) two representatives of qualified organizations that conduct  
5 charitable or commercial gaming activities, appointed by the Governor; ~~and~~
- 6 (11) the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, or the  
7 President's designee;
- 8 (12) the Director of the Washington County Gaming Office; and
- 9 (13) one member of the public, appointed by the Governor.
- 10 (d) The Comptroller of the Treasury and the Attorney General shall provide  
11 staff support to the Task Force.
- 12 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 13 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
15 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 16 (f) The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and any  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
18 Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before May 31, 2008.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the  
21 end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
22 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.