

HOUSE BILL 1031

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By: **Delegate Taylor (Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance
4 Oversight; establishing the membership and staffing of the Committee;
5 requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
6 to designate the cochairs of the Committee; requiring the Committee to examine
7 certain issues; authorizing the Committee to examine certain issues; requiring
8 the Committee to issue a certain report by a certain date; prohibiting a member
9 of the Committee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing a
10 member of the Committee to receive certain reimbursements; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the reestablishment of the
12 Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government

15 Section 2–10A–11

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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.



Article – State Government**2-10A-11.**

(A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERSIGHT.

(B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 15 MEMBERS:

(1) THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND RETAILERS ASSOCIATION, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND RETAILERS ASSOCIATION;

(6) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;

(7) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS, DESIGNATED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS;

(8) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE, DESIGNATED BY THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE;

(9) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF UNION LABOR, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFL-CIO; AND

(10) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAW, DESIGNATED JOINTLY

1 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
2 DELEGATES.

3 (C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF
4 THE PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.

5 (D) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT A SENATOR
6 AND A DELEGATE, RESPECTIVELY, EACH TO SERVE AS COCHAIR.

7 (E) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE THE CONDITION OF THE
8 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM IN THE STATE AS A RESULT OF THE
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 169 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
10 OF 2005.

11 (2) THE COMMITTEE MAY EXAMINE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
12 ALTERATIONS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE
13 CHARGING AND TAXATION PROVISIONS AND THE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFIT
14 PROVISIONS, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FAIRNESS OF THE SYSTEM AND IN
15 ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND AT A
16 LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT BENEFITS WILL BE PAID FROM THE FUND.

17 (F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL
18 PROVIDE STAFFING FOR THE COMMITTEE.

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
20 SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
21 INSURANCE IN THE STATE.

22 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION
23 FOR SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
24 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED
25 IN THE STATE BUDGET.

26 (H) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
27 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE
28 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 31 OF
29 EACH YEAR.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 7 months and, at the
3 end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.