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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Economic Development Benefits of the Clean Energy**
3 **Industry in Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Economic Development
5 Benefits of the Clean Energy Industry in Maryland; stating the purpose of the
6 Task Force; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task
7 Force to elect a chair from among its members; requiring the Department of
8 Business and Economic Development to staff the Task Force; requiring the Task
9 Force to analyze and recommend policies, standards, and mechanisms to
10 address certain economic development issues related to the use of clean energy;
11 providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Task Force;
12 providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law do not
13 apply under certain circumstances to certain regulated lobbyists who serve on
14 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the
15 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
16 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
17 the Economic Development Benefits of the Clean Energy Industry in Maryland.

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Economic Development Benefits of the
21 Clean Energy Industry in Maryland.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The purpose of the Task Force is to:

2 (1) identify and demonstrate the economic development,
3 environmental, and energy security benefits of:

4 (i) using clean energy, including wind energy, solar energy,
5 ethanol, biomass, biofuel, and other renewable energy sources; and

6 (ii) implementing energy efficiency and conservation policies
7 and technology; and

8 (2) develop a comprehensive strategy for promoting the use of clean
9 energy in Maryland.

10 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

11 (1) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by
12 the Speaker of the House;

13 (2) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
14 President of the Senate;

15 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
17 Secretary's designee;

18 (5) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (6) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

20 (7) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;

21 (8) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the
22 Director's designee;

23 (9) the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development
24 Corporation, or the Executive Director's designee; and

25 (10) six members appointed by the Governor, as follows:

26 (i) a representative from a nonprofit organization that focuses
27 on renewable energy and economic development;

- 1 (ii) a representative from a labor organization in the State;
- 2 (iii) a representative from a chamber of commerce in the State;
- 3 and
- 4 (iv) three representatives from the business community with
5 experience in the wind energy, solar energy, ethanol, biomass, or biofuel energy
6 sectors.
- 7 (d) From among its members, the Task Force shall select a chair of the Task
8 Force.
- 9 (e) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide
10 staff for the Task Force.
- 11 (f) (1) A member of the Task Force:
- 12 (i) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task
13 Force; but
- 14 (ii) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
15 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 16 (2) If a regulated lobbyist is appointed to serve as a member of the
17 Task Force, the lobbyist:
- 18 (i) is not subject to § 15–504(d) of the State Government Article
19 with respect to that service; and
- 20 (ii) is not subject to § 15–703(f)(3) of the State Government
21 Article as a result of that service.
- 22 (g) (1) The Task Force shall analyze and recommend policies, standards,
23 and mechanisms needed to:
- 24 (i) identify and demonstrate the economic development,
25 environmental, and energy security benefits that a successful clean energy industry
26 would bring to the State;
- 27 (ii) promote the development of the clean energy industry in the
28 State, including consideration of:

1 1. establishing incentives for the production and use of
2 clean energy by the public and private sector; and

3 2. developing a clean energy infrastructure, including an
4 efficient and competitive fuel delivery system and an advanced vehicle fleet;

5 (iii) increase the demand for clean energy in the State through
6 alternative energy generation and energy efficiency programs;

7 (iv) require all public buildings, and facilitate the effort of
8 private buildings, to meet the standards for high performance, "green" buildings;

9 (v) promote efficient metropolitan growth; and

10 (vi) address any other issue that the Task Force considers
11 relevant to the development of the clean energy industry in Maryland.

12 (2) In analyzing issues and making recommendations under
13 paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Task Force shall:

14 (i) 1. compile and inventory statutory and regulatory
15 efforts previously made by the State to address clean energy issues;

16 2. consider more effective methods of implementing,
17 enforcing, and marketing existing efforts by the State to address clean energy issues;
18 and

19 3. develop goals for the future use of clean energy in
20 Maryland;

21 (ii) consider including innovative, competitive procurement
22 processes or other job quality requirements, apprenticeship programs, and workforce
23 development funding in any State incentives offered; and

24 (iii) consider incentives for local ownership of businesses in the
25 clean energy field.

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,

1 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.