

CHAPTER 419

(House Bill 627)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County

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FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the county executive to choose a chair from among the members of the Task Force; requiring Prince George's County to provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting a Task Force member from receiving compensation but authorizing a member to be reimbursed for certain expenses; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the County Council by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Rent Stabilization for the Elderly in Prince George's County.

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

(1) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation;

(2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation;

(3) One representative of the Prince George's County Executive's Office, designated by the County Executive;

(4) One representative of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by the chair; and

(5) One representative from the Maryland chapter of AARP, designated by the Maryland AARP State president;

(6) One representative of the Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA), designated by AOBA; and

(7) One representative from a Prince George's County municipal corporation, appointed by the President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

(c) The County Executive shall choose a chair from among the members of the Task Force.

(d) Prince George's County shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) May not receive compensation; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) Review current rent stabilization laws of the District of Columbia and municipal corporations and counties;

(2) Review the impact of current rent levels on senior citizens of Prince George's County; and

(3) Make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes, including projections of cost, extent, and consequences of rent stabilization laws if implemented in Prince George's County.

(g) On or before November 1, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 months and 1 day, and, at the end of November 1, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.