

# HOUSE BILL 836

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Task Force to Study the Regulation of Swimming Pools**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Regulation of Swimming  
4 Pools in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring  
5 the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force  
6 to study certain issues relevant to the environmental regulation of swimming  
7 pools in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and  
8 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
9 certain date; providing for reimbursement for expenses for a member of the  
10 Task Force; providing for the staff of the Task Force; providing for the  
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Task  
12 Force to Study the Regulation of Swimming Pools in the State.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Regulation of Swimming Pools in the  
16 State.

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

18 (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
21 Speaker of the House;

22 (3) two county or municipal officials who have experience relevant to  
23 wastewater issues, appointed by the Governor; and

24 (4) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

2 (d) The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of  
3 Legislative Services jointly shall provide staff for the Task Force.

4 (e) A member of the Task Force:

5 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

6 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
7 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8 (f) The Task Force shall study:

9 (1) the current State and local government statutory and regulatory  
10 environmental framework that governs swimming pools and the disposal of water  
11 from swimming pools;

12 (2) the environmental impacts of the disposal of water from swimming  
13 pools, whether in bulk or through leaks;

14 (3) how other states govern, and issues other states have faced with  
15 respect to, swimming pools and the disposal of water from swimming pools;

16 (4) different methods of disposing water from swimming pools, and the  
17 effectiveness of any treatment of disposed water;

18 (5) any enforcement actions related to swimming pools taken by State  
19 or local governments; and

20 (6) any court cases relevant to the environmental impact of swimming  
21 pools and the disposal of water from swimming pools.

22 (g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings  
23 and recommendations regarding improvements that should be made to the State and  
24 local government statutory and regulatory environmental framework that governs  
25 swimming pools and the disposal of water from swimming pools to the Governor and,  
26 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of  
29 December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
30 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.