

HOUSE BILL 836

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CHAPTER _____

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;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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

3 (4) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

4 (5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's
5 designee; and

6 (6) one representative of a statewide organization representing
7 homeowners associations.

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

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

11 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

15 (f) The Task Force shall study:

16 (1) the current State and local government statutory and regulatory
17 environmental framework that governs swimming pools and the disposal of water
18 from swimming pools;

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

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

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

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

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

29 (g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings
30 and recommendations regarding improvements that should be made to the State and
31 local government statutory and regulatory environmental framework that governs

1 swimming pools and the disposal of water from swimming pools to the Governor and,
2 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.