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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority-Owned Automobile Dealerships**
3 **in Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority-Owned
5 Automobile Dealerships in Maryland; providing for a certain membership of the
6 Task Force; specifying the duties of the Task Force; providing a certain staff for
7 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting certain persons from
9 the receipt of certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of
10 certain expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
11 relating to the Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority-Owned Automobile
12 Dealerships in Maryland.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Dearth of Minority-Owned
16 Automobile Dealerships in Maryland.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate as follows:

20 (i) one member from the Senate Finance Committee; and

21 (ii) one member from the Senate Judicial Proceedings
22 Committee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House as follows:

3 (i) one member from the House Appropriations Committee;

4 (ii) one member from the House Economic Matters Committee;
5 and

6 (iii) one member from the House Judiciary Committee;

7 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
8 Secretary's designee;

9 (4) two representatives from the automobile manufacturing industry,
10 appointed by the Governor;

11 (5) two representatives from the automobile dealership industry,
12 appointed by the Governor;

13 (6) two representatives from the banking industry, appointed by the
14 Governor; and

15 (7) two members of the general public, appointed by the Governor.

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

17 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide
18 staff for the Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

23 (f) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) study the automobile industry in the State to determine why there
25 are so few minority-owned dealerships in the State;

26 (2) determine the number of minority-owned automobile dealerships
27 in the State;

28 (3) compile statistics on the number of minority-owned automobile
29 dealerships compared to the number of minorities who purchase automobiles; and

1 (4) make recommendations on methods to increase the number of
2 minority-owned dealerships in the State.

3 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
4 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General
5 Assembly on or before December 1, 2010.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 3 months and, at
8 the end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General
9 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.