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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sustainable Energy Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Sustainable Energy Task Force; establishing the
4 membership of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the
5 Task Force; providing for staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
6 Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing certain
7 reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and
8 make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the Task Force to
9 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly
10 on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
11 generally relating to the Sustainable Energy Task Force.

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

14 (a) There is a Sustainable Energy Task Force.

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

16 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
17 of the Senate;

18 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
19 the House;

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, or the Chairman's
2 designee;

3 (6) the People's Counsel, or the designee of the People's Counsel; and

4 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

5 (i) one representative from the environmental community;

6 (ii) one representative from the renewable energy industry;

7 (iii) one representative from the State's electric industry; and

8 (iv) one member of the general public.

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

10 (d) The Department of the Environment and the Maryland Energy
11 Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

12 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

16 (f) (1) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding
17 the creation of a sustainable energy program to develop and deliver to energy
18 end-users programs and services aimed at reducing energy demand in the State,
19 including programs and services related to customer-sited renewable energy, energy
20 efficiency, and energy conservation applications, sustainable transport, green building
21 design, and clean vehicles.

22 (2) In carrying out its study and making recommendations, the Task
23 Force shall:

24 (i) consider similar programs established in other states;

25 (ii) study the impact of a sustainable energy program on:

26 1. the economy of the State, including the creation of
27 new jobs; and

28 2. the environment;

1 (iii) consider the feasibility of providing sustainable energy
2 programs and services to residential, commercial, and agricultural energy users; and

3 (iv) propose appropriate energy-savings targets to be achieved
4 by a sustainable energy program.

5 (g) On or before January 1, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
7 Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
10 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.