

# HOUSE BILL 1506

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at  
4 Rosecroft Raceway; providing for the membership, appointment of members,  
5 chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for the reimbursement for the  
6 members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the feasibility of  
7 conducting thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway, submit a report,  
8 and make certain recommendations by a certain date; terminating the Task  
9 Force on a certain date; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study  
10 Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft  
14 Raceway.

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;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 (3) one member of the State Racing Commission, appointed by the  
4 chair of the Commission;

5 (4) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by  
6 the chair of the council;

7 (5) one ~~member who is recommended by~~ representative of the  
8 Maryland Horse Breeders Association;

9 (6) one ~~member who is recommended by~~ representative of the mile  
10 thoroughbred licensees of the State;

11 (7) one ~~member who is recommended by~~ representative of the owner of  
12 Rosecroft Raceway; and

13 (8) one resident of the 26th Legislative District, appointed by the  
14 Governor.

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

16 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff  
17 for the Task Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred horse racing at  
24 Rosecroft Raceway, including determining the probable impact of such racing on the  
25 community adjacent to Rosecroft Raceway and on the overall horse racing industry in  
26 the State, and ~~discovering~~ determining whether State funds would be available to  
27 facilitate thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway; and

28 (2) make recommendations regarding the future of Rosecroft Raceway.

29 (g) On or before ~~January 1, 2009~~ December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall  
30 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with  
31 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, and the County  
32 Executive and County Council of Prince George's County.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year and 1 month~~ 7 months  
3 and, at the end of ~~June 30, 2009~~ December 31, 2008, with no further action required  
4 by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and  
5 effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.