

SENATE BILL 7

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the Boating
4 Industry in Maryland is required to submit its findings and recommendations to
5 the Governor and the General Assembly; altering the date for the termination of
6 the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Boating
7 Industry in Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Chapter 523 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007
10 Section 1 and 2

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

13 **Chapter 523 of the Acts of 2007**

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland.

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

18 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (4) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
3 Secretary's designee;

4 (5) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee; and

5 (6) The following members, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) Two representatives from the Marine Trade Association of
7 Maryland;

8 (ii) Two representatives from local tourism boards or visitor
9 bureaus that are from counties that border the Chesapeake Bay;

10 (iii) One representative from a local yacht club;

11 (iv) One owner and operator of a marina in the State;

12 (v) One owner or operator of a boat dealership in the State; and

13 (vi) One representative from the Maryland Tourism Council.

14 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
15 jointly shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

16 (d) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it determines necessary
17 to fulfill its duties.

18 (e) The Department of Business and Economic Development and the
19 Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff for the Task Force.

20 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving as
21 a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
22 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

23 (g) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) Evaluate and make recommendations regarding growing the
25 boating industry within the State, including:

26 (i) Evaluating incentives to encourage large boats and yachts to
27 use marinas and boatyards for recreation, repair, and outfitting within the State;

28 (ii) Determining ways to encourage and promote tourism
29 throughout waters of the State;

1 (iii) Researching the economic impact that marine industries
2 and recreational boaters contribute to the State's economy; and

3 (iv) Identifying barriers that limit the State's competitiveness
4 with other states regarding the boating industry and developing methods to overcome
5 these barriers; and

6 (2) (i) On or before November 30, 2007, submit a preliminary
7 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
8 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the
9 House Economic Matters Committee; and

10 (ii) On or before [June 30] **DECEMBER 31**, 2008, submit a final
11 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
12 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year and 1 month] **2 YEARS**
15 and, at the end of [July 31, 2008] **JUNE 30, 2009**, with no further action required by
16 the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 June 1, 2008.