

SENATE BILL 262

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By: **Senators Glassman and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Review the Lease of State Park Lands for Sewage Sludge**
3 **Application**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Review the Lease of State Park
5 Lands for Sewage Sludge Application; establishing the membership of the Task
6 Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force;
7 providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing for reimbursement of the
8 expenses of a member of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study
9 certain facts, policies, and procedures related to the lease of State park lands for
10 sewage sludge application and to make certain recommendations; requiring the
11 Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
12 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
13 the establishment of the Task Force to Review the Lease of State Park Lands
14 for Sewage Sludge Application.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Review the Lease of State Park Lands for
18 Sewage Sludge Application.

19 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

22 (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
23 President of the Senate;

24 (3) One representative from the Department of the Environment,
25 appointed by the Secretary of the Environment;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) One representative from the Department of Natural Resources,
2 appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources; and

3 (5) Four individuals appointed by the Governor, including:

4 (i) A representative of the sewage sludge application industry;

5 (ii) A representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau; and

6 (iii) Two citizens of the State interested in the subject matter.

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

8 (d) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff support for the
9 Task Force.

10 (e) A member of the Task Force:

11 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

14 (f) The Task Force shall:

15 (1) Review the process by which the Department of Natural Resources
16 leases public land for sewage sludge application;

17 (2) Review the current inventory of lands subject to application of
18 Class A and Class B sewage sludge; and

19 (3) Make recommendations regarding future policies and procedures
20 to be followed by the Department of Natural Resources in leasing State park lands for
21 sewage sludge application.

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

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
27 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.