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By: **Senator Gladden**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of Periodic Motor Vehicle Safety**
3 **Inspections**

4 FOR the purpose of creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Periodic
5 Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections; providing for the membership of the Task
6 Force; requiring the Task Force to select a chair from among its members;
7 requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to staff the Task Force; requiring
8 the Task Force to make certain findings and recommendations related to the
9 establishment of a certain motor vehicle safety inspection requirement;
10 providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Task Force;
11 providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law do not
12 apply under certain circumstances to certain regulated lobbyists who serve on
13 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the
14 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for
15 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
16 the Establishment of Periodic Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That:

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of Periodic Motor
20 Vehicle Safety Inspections.

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

22 (1) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
23 of the House;

24 (2) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
25 President of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) the Motor Vehicle Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;
- 2 (4) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3 (5) a representative of the Washington, Maryland, Delaware Service
4 Station and Automotive Repair Association, appointed by the President of the
5 Association;
- 6 (6) a representative of AAA Mid-Atlantic, appointed by the Director of
7 Public and Governmental Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic; and
- 8 (7) a consumer representative, appointed by the Governor.
- 9 (c) From among its members, the Task Force shall select a chair of the Task
10 Force.
- 11 (d) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 12 (e) (1) A member of the Task Force:
- 13 (i) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task
14 Force; but
- 15 (ii) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the
16 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 17 (2) If a regulated lobbyist is appointed to serve as a member of the
18 Task Force, the lobbyist:
- 19 (i) is not subject to § 15-504(d) of the State Government Article
20 with respect to that service; and
- 21 (ii) is not subject to § 15-703(f)(3) of the State Government
22 Article as a result of that service.
- 23 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 24 (1) examine the positive and negative aspects of requiring periodic
25 motor vehicle safety inspections;
- 26 (2) consider motor vehicle safety inspection programs implemented by
27 other states;
- 28 (3) examine the costs, to the State and to a motor vehicle owner,
29 associated with requiring a periodic motor vehicle safety inspection; and
- 30 (4) make findings and recommendations as to:

1 (i) whether requiring periodic motor vehicle safety inspections
2 would benefit citizens of the State; and

3 (ii) if applicable, how to implement the periodic motor vehicle
4 safety inspections requirement.

5 (g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings
6 and 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 7 months and, at the end of
10 December 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
11 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.