

# SENATE BILL 699

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Development of Environmentally Friendly**  
3 **Communities in Urban Areas**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Development of  
5 Environmentally Friendly Communities in Urban Areas; establishing the  
6 membership of the Task Force; requiring the President of the Senate and the  
7 Speaker of the House of Delegates to jointly appoint the chair and co-chair of  
8 the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing for  
9 reimbursement of the expenses of a member of the Task Force; requiring the  
10 Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the development  
11 of environmentally friendly communities in urban areas; requiring the Task  
12 Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
13 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
14 establishment of the Task Force to Study the Development of Environmentally  
15 Friendly Communities in Urban Areas.

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

18 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Development of Environmentally  
19 Friendly Communities in Urban Areas.

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

21 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
22 of the Senate;

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one representative from the Department of the Environment,  
2 appointed by the Secretary of the Environment;

3 (4) one representative from the Department of Natural Resources,  
4 appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

5 (5) one representative from the Department of Housing and  
6 Community Development, appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Community  
7 Development;

8 (6) one representative from the Department of Planning, appointed by  
9 the Secretary of Planning;

10 (7) three individuals appointed by the Governor, including:

11 (i) a representative from the alternative energy community;

12 (ii) a representative from the affordable housing community;  
13 and

14 (iii) a representative from a research university;

15 (8) two individuals appointed by the President of the Senate,  
16 including:

17 (i) a representative of a local land developer or construction  
18 company; and

19 (ii) a representative from the mortgage banking industry; and

20 (9) two individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
21 Delegates, including:

22 (i) a representative from the economic development community;  
23 and

24 (ii) a representative of the Smart Growth community with  
25 knowledge about low-impact development.

26 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
27 jointly shall designate the chair and the co-chair of the Task Force.

28 (d) The Department of Housing and Community Development and the  
29 Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

30 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

3           (f) The Task Force shall:

4           (1) evaluate and make recommendations regarding the development of  
5 environmentally friendly communities in urban areas, including:

6                   (i) evaluating best management practices in the energy  
7 efficiency industry;

8                   (ii) studying and recommending innovative ways to artfully  
9 integrate residential and commercial buildings, including clustering and mixed-use  
10 projects;

11                   (iii) evaluating the effectiveness of community land trusts and  
12 various ownership models; and

13                   (iv) developing methods to encourage the development of  
14 moderate-income housing within urban areas; and

15           (2) on or before July 1, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings  
16 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
17 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of  
20 September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
21 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.