

SENATE BILL 920

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth
4 Infestation; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing that the
5 Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing
6 of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not
7 receive compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; providing for
8 the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings
9 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 the Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation.

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

16 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
17 President of the Senate;

18 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
19 of the House;

20 (3) one representative of the Department of Natural Resources Forest
21 Service, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) one representative of the Department of Agriculture, appointed by
2 the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

3 (5) one representative from the Department of Budget and
4 Management, appointed by the Governor;

5 (6) one representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation,
6 designated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

7 (7) one representative from the Maryland Association of Counties,
8 designated by the Maryland Association of Counties; and

9 (8) one representative from the Maryland Forests Association,
10 designated by the Maryland Forests Association.

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

12 (d) The State agencies represented on the Task Force shall provide staff for
13 the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) study the statewide infestation of gypsy moths; and

20 (2) make recommendations regarding the most effective practical,
21 regulatory, and legislative means of combating the statewide infestation of gypsy
22 moths.

23 (g) On or before August 31, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings and
24 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
25 Government Article, the General Assembly.

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