

HOUSE BILL 801

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By: **Delegate McDonough**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Economic Impact of Environmental Legislation and**
3 **Policy**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Economic Impact of
5 Environmental Legislation and Policy; providing for the membership, selection
6 of the chair, and staffing of the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task
7 Force may not receive compensation, but is entitled to a certain reimbursement;
8 requiring the Task Force to study and make findings regarding certain topics;
9 requiring the Task Force to make a certain report to the Governor and General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
11 and generally relating to the economic impact of environmental legislation and
12 policy.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Economic Impact of Environmental
16 Legislation and Policy.

17 (b) The Task Force shall be composed of the following 21 members:

18 (1) Seven members appointed by the Governor, including:

19 (i) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or
20 the Secretary's designee;

21 (ii) One representative of a labor union;

22 (iii) One representative of the private energy industry;

23 (iv) One representative of the agricultural industry;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (v) One representative of the environmental community; and
2 (vi) Two energy consumers or property owners;
3 (2) Seven members appointed by the President of the Senate; and
4 (3) Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Delegates.

6 (c) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member
7 of the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
8 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

9 (d) The members of the Task Force shall elect the chair from among the
10 membership.

11 (e) The Task Force shall meet at the times and places that the chair
12 determines.

13 (f) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide
14 staff to the Task Force.

15 (g) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) Study and make findings regarding the impact of State
17 environmental legislation and policy on the State's economy, including the number of
18 jobs, the cost of energy, and changes in property rights;

19 (2) Develop a model State Economic Impact Statement to accompany
20 future environmental legislation that will address economic issues raised by the
21 legislation;

22 (3) Prepare a report summarizing the findings of the Task Force and
23 the model State Economic Impact Statement required under item (2) of this
24 subsection.

25 (h) The Task Force shall submit the report required under subsection (g)(3)
26 of this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
27 Article, the General Assembly on or before January 13, 2010.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
30 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
31 abrogated and of no further force and effect.