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By: **Senator Jones**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Blue Ribbon Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission on Alzheimer's
4 Disease and Related Disorders; providing for the membership of the ~~Task Force~~
5 Blue Ribbon Commission; designating the chair of the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon
6 Commission; prohibiting a member of the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission
7 from receiving compensation; authorizing a member of the ~~Task Force~~ Blue
8 Ribbon Commission to receive certain reimbursement; requiring the
9 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staff for the ~~Task Force~~
10 Blue Ribbon Commission for certain purposes; requiring the ~~Task Force~~ Blue
11 Ribbon Commission to examine certain population data, survey certain
12 research, and assess existing services, resources, and capacity regarding
13 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; requiring the ~~Task Force~~ Blue
14 Ribbon Commission to make certain recommendations; requiring the ~~Task~~
15 ~~Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission to make a certain report to the Governor and
16 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
17 this Act; and generally relating to the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission on
18 Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That:

21 (a) There is a ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission on Alzheimer's Disease
22 and Related Disorders.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) The ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission consists of the following
2 members:

3 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
4 of the Senate;

5 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House;

7 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

8 (4) the Secretary of Aging;

9 (5) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (6) the Commissioner of the Insurance Administration, or the
11 Commissioner's designee; and

12 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

13 (i) a representative of the United States Department of
14 Veterans Affairs with expertise in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

15 (ii) an attorney who works directly with disabled or elderly
16 individuals;

17 (iii) a representative of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater
18 Maryland Chapter;

19 (iv) a physician currently conducting research in Alzheimer's
20 disease and related disorders;

21 (v) a health care professional with expertise in addressing racial
22 and ethnic health disparities;

23 (vi) a social worker with experience working with individuals
24 and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

25 ~~(vii)~~ (vii) a psychologist or psychiatrist with expertise in
26 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;

27 ~~(viii)~~ (viii) a physician with expertise in end-of-life care and
28 pain management;

29 ~~(ix)~~ (ix) a registered nurse with expertise in Alzheimer's
30 disease and related disorders;

1 ~~(ix)~~ (x) a licensed nurse practitioner with expertise in
2 end-of-life care and pain management;

3 (xi) a representative of the nursing home industry;

4 ~~(x)~~ (xii) an individual with early onset Alzheimer's disease or
5 a related disorder;

6 ~~(xi)~~ (xiii) an individual with ~~early stage~~ Alzheimer's disease or
7 a related disorder; and

8 ~~(xii)~~ (xiv) two ~~family~~ caregivers, one of whom is a family
9 member of individuals an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

10 (c) The Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene and Aging shall co-chair
11 the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission.

12 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
13 ~~Task Force~~ coordination of Blue Ribbon Commission activities and related public and
14 private research support.

15 (e) A member of the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission:

16 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the ~~Task Force~~ Blue
17 Ribbon Commission; but

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

20 (f) The ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon Commission shall:

21 (1) examine population data in the State for Alzheimer's disease and
22 related disorders;

23 (2) survey current research on Alzheimer's disease and related
24 disorders;

25 (3) assess existing services, resources, and capacity for the State's
26 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders population, including:

27 (i) the cost and availability of health care, housing, and other
28 support services;

29 (ii) training requirements for long-term care staff; and

30 (iii) quality care measures for nursing homes; and

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1 (4) make recommendations regarding the steps the State should take
2 in dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including a review of:

3 (i) long-term care;

4 (ii) family caregiver support; and

5 (iii) assistance to individuals with early onset and early stage
6 Alzheimer's disease.

7 (g) On or before September 30, 2012, the ~~Task Force~~ Blue Ribbon
8 Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
9 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
12 September 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
13 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.