

# SENATE BILL 639

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide  
4 Spay/Neuter Fund; specifying the membership, chair, and staff of the Task  
5 Force; specifying that a member of the Task Force may not receive  
6 compensation, but may receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring  
7 the Task Force to review certain spay/neuter programs, develop a certain  
8 spay/neuter program, and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task  
9 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain  
10 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for  
11 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the  
12 Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter  
16 Fund.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
21 of the House;

22 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee; and

23 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 2 (ii) one representative of the Humane Society of the United  
3 States;
- 4 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Veterinary Medical  
5 Association;
- 6 (iv) one representative of Maryland Votes for Animals;
- 7 (v) one representative of the Howard County Animal Advocates;
- 8 (vi) one representative of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care  
9 Shelter;
- 10 (vii) one representative of the Professional Animal Workers of  
11 Maryland, Inc.;
- 12 (viii) one representative of the Maryland SPCA; and
- 13 (ix) two representatives of other private or public organizations  
14 with experience and interest in spay/neuter programs.
- 15 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
16 jointly shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 17 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task  
18 Force.
- 19 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 21 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
22 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 23 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 24 (1) collect and review data on the number of spay/neuter services  
25 performed each year in the State and the unmet need for the services;
- 26 (2) review ongoing successful local spay/neuter programs in the State;
- 27 (3) review spay/neuter programs in other states and identify best  
28 practices;

1           (4)    review and make recommendations regarding the most appropriate  
2 funding mechanism for a spay/neuter fund; and

3           (5)    make recommendations regarding the establishment of a  
4 spay/neuter fund that best meets the needs of the State.

5           (g)    On or before January 1, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
6 legislative recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the  
7 State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
8 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
11 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.