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By: **Delegate Frush (Chair, Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund) and Delegates Healey, Kach, Kaiser, A. Kelly, B. Robinson, and Sophocleus**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund – Sunset**  
3 **Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force on the Establishment of  
5 a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund is required to report its findings and legislative  
6 recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General  
7 Assembly; extending the termination date of the Task Force; and generally  
8 relating to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter  
9 Fund.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Chapter 266 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011  
12 Section 1 and 2

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 266 of the Acts of 2011**

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

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

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

4                   (1)     two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
5 President of the Senate;

6                   (2)     two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
7 of the House;

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

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

10                   (i)     one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

11                   (ii)    one representative of the Humane Society of the United  
12 States;

13                   (iii)  one representative of the Maryland Veterinary Medical  
14 Association;

15                   (iv)    one representative of Maryland Votes for Animals;

16                   (v)     one representative of the Howard County Animal Advocates;

17                   (vi)   one representative of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care  
18 Shelter;

19                   (vii)  one representative of the Professional Animal Workers of  
20 Maryland, Inc.;

21                   (viii) one representative of the Maryland SPCA;

22                   (ix)    one representative of the Pet Food Institute;

23                   (x)     one representative of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory  
24 Council; and

25                   (xi)   two representatives of other private or public organizations  
26 with experience and interest in spay/neuter programs.

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

1 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task  
2 Force.

3 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

7 (f) The Task Force shall:

8 (1) collect and review data on the number of spay/neuter services  
9 performed each year in the State and the unmet need for the services;

10 (2) review ongoing successful local spay/neuter programs in the State;

11 (3) review spay/neuter programs in other states and identify best  
12 practices;

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

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

17 (g) On or before January 1, **[2012] 2013**, the Task Force shall report its  
18 findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with  
19 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and  
20 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of **[1 year] 2 YEARS** and, at the end  
23 of June 30, **[2012] 2013**, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
24 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 2012.