

**HB0947/713627/1**

BY: Delegate Szeliga

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 947, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike in their entirety the Environmental Matters Committee Amendments (HB0947/370119/1).

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Task Force to Study Establishing a Balcony Inspection Program”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “dwellings” in line 17 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study Establishing a Balcony Inspection Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues, conduct a cost-benefit analysis, and make certain recommendations regarding establishing a balcony inspection program; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Establishing a Balcony Inspection Program”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1 of the bill, in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 24, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Establishing a Balcony Inspection Program.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(Over)

- (1) one housing inspector from each county in the State;
- (2) one housing inspector from Baltimore City;
- (3) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League; and
- (4) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force from among its members.

(d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

- (1) study the potential cost to each political subdivision of implementing and maintaining a balcony inspection program;
- (2) study the cost of balcony inspections for dwelling units or railings;
- (3) conduct a cost-benefit analysis of establishing a balcony inspection program; and

(4) make recommendations on establishing and maintaining a balcony inspection program.

(g) On or before December 1, 2014, the Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 6 of the bill, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 31 on page 6.