

# SENATE BILL 1047

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By: **Senator Lee**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of  
4 Domestic Violence; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task  
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,  
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
7 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task  
8 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General  
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
10 generally relating to the Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of  
11 Domestic Violence.

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

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic  
15 Violence.

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

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
20 House;

21 (3) the Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

23 (5) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; and

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

3 (i) one representative of the Maryland Realtors Association;

4 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Bankers Association;

5 (iii) one representative of the Maryland State Bar Association; and

6 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Land Title Association.

7 (c) The Secretary of State shall be the chair of the Task Force.

8 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide staff for the Task Force.

9 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

13 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding how to  
14 protect the identity and address of a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program  
15 for victims of domestic violence in the Office of the Secretary of State when recording a deed  
16 transferring real property to or from a Program participant.

17 (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
18 recommendations the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
19 Article, the General Assembly.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of  
22 December 31, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
23 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.