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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Organized Retail Crime Rings**

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

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

13 (a) There is a Task Force on Organized Retail Crime Rings.

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

15 (1) a member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, appointed by
16 the President of the Senate;

17 (2) a member of the House Judiciary Committee, appointed by the Speaker
18 of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (3) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

2 (4) the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee;

3 (5) the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police or the
4 Superintendent's designee; and

5 (6) the following individuals, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) a representative of the Maryland Retailers Association;

7 (ii) a representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association,
8 Inc.;

9 (iii) a representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association;

10 (iv) a representative of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association; and

11 (v) two loss prevention professionals.

12 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair of the Task Force from among its members.

13 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for
14 the Task Force.

15 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

19 (f) The Task Force shall, at a minimum:

20 (1) examine the effects of organized retail crime rings on businesses in the
21 State;

22 (2) determine the factors related to the proliferation of organized retail
23 crime;

24 (3) examine the criminal penalties associated with organized retail crime;

25 (4) consult and coordinate with pertinent entities to identify effective
26 measures to curtail organized retail crime rings; and

27 (5) recommend legislation to combat organized retail crime rings.

1 (g) The Task Force shall meet at least twice at such times and places as it
2 determines.

3 (h) On or before October 1, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
4 recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
5 Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of
8 December 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
9 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.