

SENATE BILL 409

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By: **Senators Robinson, Currie, and Madaleno**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Residential Environment of Seniors in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Residential Environment of
4 Seniors in Baltimore City; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the
5 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
7 Task Force to study certain issues and make certain recommendations related to the
8 improvement of the residential environment of seniors living in Baltimore City;
9 requiring the Task Force to make a certain report to certain persons on or before a
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
11 Task Force to Study the Residential Environment of Seniors in Baltimore City.

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

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Residential Environment of Seniors in
15 Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

22 (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
23 Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Secretary of Public Safety and Community Services, or the
2 Secretary's designee; and

3 (6) the following eight members, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City:

4 (i) one representative of Adult Protective Services in the Baltimore
5 City Department of Social Services;

6 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Area Agencies
7 on Aging;

8 (iii) one representative of local law enforcement from Baltimore City;

9 (iv) one representative of a provider of senior services;

10 (v) one representative of a senior advocacy organization;

11 (vi) one representative of a neighborhood or community organization;
12 and

13 (vii) two consumer members who are at least 60 years old and live in
14 Baltimore City.

15 (c) The Mayor of Baltimore City shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

16 (d) The Office of the Mayor of Baltimore City shall provide staff for the Task
17 Force.

18 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

22 (f) The Task Force shall:

23 (1) study:

24 (i) rent policies in senior residential buildings or communities,
25 including the methods by which rent is determined;

26 (ii) the safety and security inside and outside of senior residential
27 buildings; and

28 (iii) the activities and recreational programs offered to residents of
29 senior residential buildings and communities; and

1 (2) make recommendations regarding the improvement of the residential
2 environment of seniors living in Baltimore City, specifically in the areas studied under item
3 (1) of this subsection.

4 (g) On or before December 1, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
5 recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Council, and, in
6 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Baltimore City House and
7 Senate Delegations to the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this
10 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
11 further force and effect.