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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

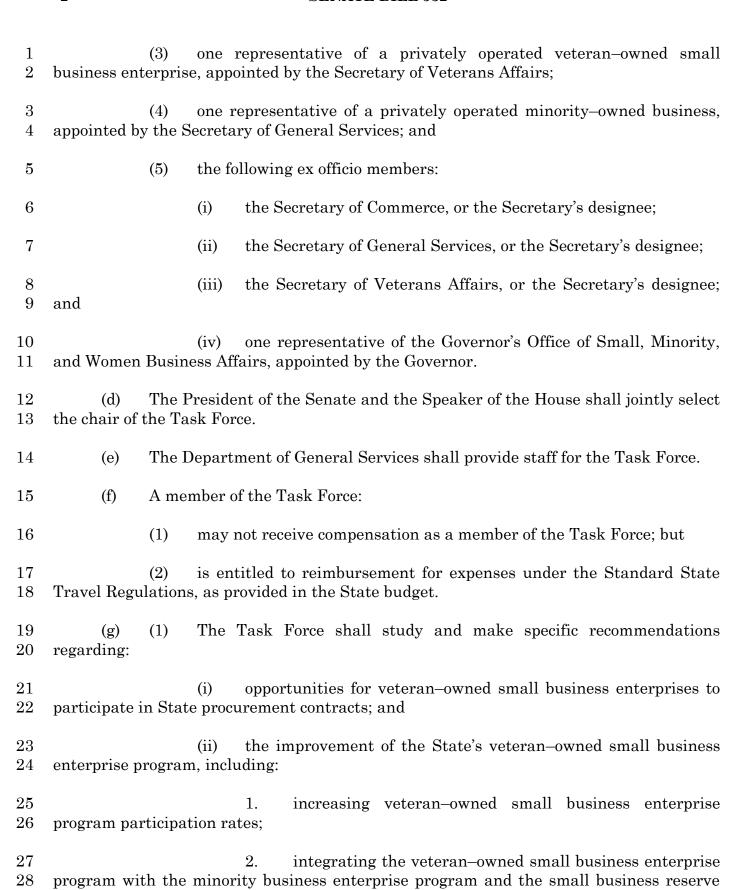
## 2 Task Force to Study the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Veteran-Owned Small 4 Business Enterprise Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of 5 the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the 6 7 Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; 8 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor 9 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination 10 of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Veteran-Owned 11 Small Business Enterprise Program.
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13 That:
- 14 (a) In this section, "veteran—owned small business enterprise" has the meaning 15 stated in § 14–601 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 16 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise 17 Program.
- 18 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:
- 19 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of 20 the Senate, of whom one shall be the Chair of the Maryland Senate Veterans Caucus, or 21 the Chair's designee;
- 22 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of 23 the House, of whom one shall be the Chair of the Maryland House Veterans Caucus, or the 24 Chair's designee;



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further force and effect.

2 veteran—owned small business enterprise program; 3 4. increasing oversight across participating State agencies; and 4 5 boosting the overall performance of the veteran-owned 5. 6 small business enterprise program. 7 The Task Force may establish subcommittees as necessary to fulfill its duties under this subsection. 8 9 On or before December 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State 10 11 Government Article, the General Assembly. 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2021, this

Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no