

Chapter 89

(House Bill 441)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Assessments and Taxation – Identification Number for Business
– Task Force**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to convene a task force to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each registered or licensed business in the State to be used by certain State agencies; requiring the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; authorizing the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; providing for the duties of the task force; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a task force to study the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for businesses registered or licensed in the State.

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

(a) The Department of Assessments and Taxation shall convene a task force to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each business registered and licensed in the State to be used by specified State agencies.

(b) (1) The task force shall consist of at least one representative from each of the following State agencies:

(i) the Department of Assessments and Taxation;

~~(ii) the Maryland Department of Health;~~

~~(iii)~~ (ii) the Maryland Department of Labor;

~~(iv)~~ (iii) the Department of Natural Resources;

~~(v)~~ (iv) the office of the Comptroller; and

~~(vi)~~ (v) the office of the Secretary of State.

(2) The task force may include representatives from any other State agency that registers or licenses a business in the State.

(c) The task force shall:

(1) study and make recommendations on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each business registered and licensed by a State agency;

(2) determine which State agencies could practicably use the Maryland Identification Number, including:

- (i) the Department of Agriculture;
- (ii) the Department of Human Services;
- (iii) the Department of Natural Resources;
- (iv) the Department of the Environment;
- (v) the Department of State Police;
- (vi) the Department of Transportation;
- (vii) the State Department of Education; and
- (viii) the Maryland Insurance Administration;

(3) identify which State agencies that register or license businesses in the State could not practicably use the Maryland Identification Number; and

(4) recommend the dates by which the State agencies that have adopted the Maryland Identification Number could begin using the Maryland Identification Number.

(d) On or before December 1, 2021, the Department of Assessments and Taxation shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the findings and recommendations of the task force convened under this section, including any proposed legislation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2021.