

HB0691/573524/1

BY: Delegate Munoz

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 691, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike in their entirety the Environment and Transportation Committee Amendments (HB0691/223026/1).

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 4, inclusive, and substitute "**Task Force to Study Joint Rent Escrow Actions**"; strike beginning with "that" in line 5 down through "Act" in line 13 and substitute "the Task Force to Study Joint Rent Escrow Actions"; strike beginning with "remedies" in line 13 down through "defects" in line 14 and substitute "the Task Force to Study Joint Rent Escrow Actions"; and strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1 of the bill, in line 21, strike "the Laws of Maryland read as follows"; and after line 21, insert:

"(a) There is a Task Force to Study Joint Rent Escrow Actions.

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

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

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

(3) the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) two landlord advocates;

(ii) two tenant advocates; and

(iii) one representative of the judiciary.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study joint escrow actions, including laws and procedures related to joint escrow actions in other states; and

(2) make recommendations for potential legislation regarding joint escrow actions in the State.

(g) On or before December 1, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of July 1, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”

On pages 1 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 1 through line 35 on page 8, inclusive.