

HOUSE BILL 169

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By: **Delegate Charkoudian**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs – Energy**
3 **Performance Targets and Low–Income Housing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to include certain information
5 on low–income energy efficiency and conservation programs in a certain annual
6 report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Housing and
7 Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy
8 efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve certain target
9 annual incremental gross energy savings in certain years; requiring certain
10 contractors used for the programs under this Act to meet certain job requirements;
11 requiring the Department to update the weather–normalized gross retail sales
12 against which savings are measured for certain plans; requiring the target annual
13 incremental gross energy savings to be achieved based on an average of certain
14 Department plans; requiring the Department, on or before certain dates and with a
15 certain frequency, to submit a plan to the Commission for achieving the electricity
16 savings and demand reduction target; requiring the Department to develop a plan to
17 coordinate and leverage funding sources to support certain energy efficiency and
18 other home upgrades and a plan to provide energy efficiency retrofits to all
19 low–income households by a certain date; establishing the Green and Healthy Task
20 Force to analyze and advance the coordination of resources to address the housing
21 needs of low–income communities; and generally relating to energy performance
22 targets and low–income housing.

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Public Utilities
25 Section 7–211(k)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

28 BY adding to
29 Article – Public Utilities

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 7–211.1 and 7–211.2
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Public Utilities**

7 7–211.

8 (k) On or before May 1 of each year, the Commission, in consultation with the
9 Maryland Energy Administration, shall report, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government
10 Article, to the General Assembly on:

11 (1) the status of programs and services to encourage and promote the
12 efficient use and conservation of energy, including an evaluation of the impact of the
13 programs and services that are directed to low–income communities, low– to
14 moderate–income communities to the extent possible, and other particular classes of
15 ratepayers;

16 (2) a recommendation for the appropriate funding level to adequately fund
17 these programs and services; [and]

18 **(3) FOR THE LOW–INCOME PROGRAMS UNDER § 7–211.1 OF THIS**
19 **SUBTITLE, INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**
20 **DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES TO THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7–211.1(H) OF THIS**
21 **SUBTITLE; AND**

22 **[(3)] (4)** in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the per capita
23 electricity consumption and the peak demand for the previous calendar year.

24 **7–211.1.**

25 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
26 **INDICATED.**

27 **(2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND**
28 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

29 **(3) “LOW–INCOME PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS**
30 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES TO REDUCE UTILITY**
31 **EXPENSES FOR BUILDING OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND TENANTS OF HOUSING WITH**
32 **RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT’S LOW–INCOME ASSISTANCE**
33 **PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:**

1 (I) THE EMPOWER MARYLAND PROGRAM;

2 (II) THE MULTIFAMILY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND HOUSING
3 AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM; AND

4 (III) THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5 (4) "LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL" MEANS A COMMUNITY, BUILDING,
6 OR HOUSEHOLD WITH RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
7 LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.

8 (5) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE GREEN AND HEALTHY TASK FORCE
9 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-211.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (B) (1) FOR THE 2024-2026 PROGRAM CYCLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
11 PROCURE OR PROVIDE FOR ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
12 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

13 (2) (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
14 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
15 SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE TARGET ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY
16 SAVINGS OF:

- 17 1. 0.53% IN 2024;
- 18 2. 0.72% IN 2025; AND
- 19 3. 1% IN 2026.

20 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE THE SAVINGS ACHIEVED
21 THROUGH ALL FUNDING SOURCES TOWARD CALCULATING THE TARGET ANNUAL
22 INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS, IF THE FUNDING SOURCES MEET THE
23 STANDARDS OF PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH:

- 24 1. THE EMPOWER SURCHARGE; OR
- 25 2. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

26 (3) (I) THE ENERGY SAVINGS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF
27 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CALCULATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 2016
28 WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL RETAIL SALES FOR ALL
29 ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

30 (II) THE 2016 WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS LOW-INCOME

1 RESIDENTIAL RETAIL SALES FOR ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES SHALL BE
2 DETERMINED BY MULTIPLYING THE AVERAGE 2016 RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD
3 ELECTRICITY USAGE FOR ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES BY THE NUMBER OF
4 HOUSEHOLDS:

5 1. WITH INCOMES BELOW 250% OF THE FEDERAL
6 POVERTY LEVEL AS DETERMINED BY THE FEDERAL CENSUS; OR

7 2. THAT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA APPROVED BY
8 THE COMMISSION FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.

9 (III) THE TARGET ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY
10 SAVINGS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO
11 ALL ENERGY TYPES SUBJECT TO THE TARGETED ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS
12 ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRED UNDER § 7-211(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

13 (4) FOR WEATHERIZATION OF LEASED OR RENTED RESIDENCES, THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT:

15 (I) THE BENEFITS OF WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE,
16 INCLUDING UTILITY BILL REDUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE
17 HOUSING STOCK, ACCRUE PRIMARILY TO LOW-INCOME TENANTS OCCUPYING A
18 LEASED OR RENTED RESIDENCE; AND

19 (II) THE RENT ON THE RESIDENCE IS NOT INCREASED AND THE
20 TENANT IS NOT EVICTED AS A RESULT OF WEATHERIZATION PROVIDED UNDER THIS
21 SECTION.

22 (5) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
23 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
24 MAY NOT USE THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS,
25 INCLUDING WALLS, FLOORS, CEILINGS, ATTICS, AND ROOF INSULATION, THAT
26 CONTAIN FORMALDEHYDE.

27 (II) THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING
28 ELEMENTS MAY NOT CONTAIN FORMALDEHYDE IF THE FORMALDEHYDE:

29 1. WAS INTENTIONALLY ADDED; OR

30 2. IS PRESENT IN THE PRODUCT AT GREATER THAN 0.1%
31 BY WEIGHT.

32 (6) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO
33 CONTRACTORS THAT ARE MINORITY-OWNED, WOMEN-OWNED, OR

1 VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE FOR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES
2 RELATED TO EMPOWER PROGRAMS.

3 (II) THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVED CONTRACTORS USED FOR
4 THE PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING JOB
5 REQUIREMENTS:

6 1. PAY AT LEAST 150% OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE;

7 2. PROVIDE CAREER ADVANCEMENT TRAINING;

8 3. AFFORD EMPLOYEES THE RIGHT TO BARGAIN
9 COLLECTIVELY FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS;

10 4. PROVIDE PAID LEAVE;

11 5. BE CONSIDERED COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR
12 PURPOSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE
13 8 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;

14 6. ENTITLE THE EMPLOYEE TO WORKERS'
15 COMPENSATION BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 9 OF THE LABOR AND
16 EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;

17 7. BE COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE WAGE AND
18 HOUR LAWS FOR THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS;

19 8. OFFER EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE
20 BENEFITS WITH MONTHLY PREMIUMS THAT DO NOT EXCEED 8.5% OF THE
21 EMPLOYEE'S NET MONTHLY EARNINGS; AND

22 9. OFFER RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

23 (C) THE WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS RETAIL SALES AGAINST WHICH
24 THE SAVINGS ARE MEASURED SHALL:

25 (1) REFLECT SALES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOW-INCOME
26 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CLASS SERVED BY PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE
27 DEPARTMENT; AND

28 (2) BE UPDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH PLAN SUBMITTED
29 UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

30 (D) THE TARGET ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS SHALL BE

1 ACHIEVED BASED ON THE 3-YEAR AVERAGE OF DEPARTMENT PLANS SUBMITTED IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
4 SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE COMMISSION THAT DETAILS PROPOSALS FOR ACHIEVING
5 THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER SUBSECTION
6 (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR 2024.

7 (2) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AND EVERY 3 YEARS
8 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE COMMISSION THAT
9 DETAILS PROPOSALS FOR ACHIEVING THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND
10 REDUCTION TARGET UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE 3
11 SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS.

12 (3) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

13 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY
14 AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

15 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STEPS PROPOSED TO ENSURE
16 INSULATION MATERIALS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF
17 THIS SECTION;

18 (III) ANTICIPATED COSTS;

19 (IV) PROJECTED ELECTRICITY SAVINGS;

20 (V) A PROPOSED AVERAGE LIFETIME MEASURE THRESHOLD
21 THAT ENCOURAGES THE DELIVERY OF INSULATION AND WEATHERIZATION
22 MEASURES, DEVELOPED THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; AND

23 (VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION
24 REQUESTS.

25 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN
26 UPDATE EVERY 6 MONTHS ON PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS TOWARD
27 ACHIEVING THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER
28 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

29 (5) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW A PLAN TO DETERMINE
30 WHETHER THE PLAN IS ADEQUATE FOR ACHIEVING THE TARGET.

31 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH
32 ANY PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR

1 ACHIEVING THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER
2 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING SECURING COOPERATION FROM
3 ELECTRIC COMPANIES RELATED TO:

- 4 (1) FUNDING;
- 5 (2) COMMUNICATIONS;
- 6 (3) REFERRALS;
- 7 (4) DATA SHARING; AND
- 8 (5) ANY OTHER COOPERATION THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES
9 IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF
10 THIS SECTION.

11 (G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO COORDINATE
12 FUNDING SOURCES AND LEVERAGE THE GREATEST FUNDING POSSIBLE TO
13 SUPPORT:

- 14 (I) HEALTH AND SAFETY UPGRADES;
- 15 (II) WEATHERIZATION;
- 16 (III) ENERGY EFFICIENCY; AND
- 17 (IV) OTHER GENERAL MAINTENANCE FOR LOW-INCOME
18 HOUSING.

19 (2) THE PLAN SHALL COORDINATE FUNDING AMONG:

- 20 (I) THE STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND;
- 21 (II) FEDERAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;
- 22 (III) RATEPAYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO:
 - 23 1. THE EMPOWER MARYLAND LIMITED INCOME
24 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM; AND
 - 25 2. THE MULTIFAMILY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
26 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM;
 - 27 (IV) THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND;

1 (V) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

- 3 1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS;
4 2. THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
5 PROGRAM; AND
6 3. LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES
7 GRANTS;

8 (VI) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS,
9 INCLUDING THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM;

10 (VII) THE HEALTHY HOMES FOR HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM;

11 (VIII) THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK
12 GRANT PROGRAM;

13 (IX) STATE APPROPRIATIONS; AND

14 (X) ANY OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT
15 OR THE TASK FORCE IDENTIFIES.

16 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE MEMBERS OF
17 THE TASK FORCE AND IDENTIFY OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP
18 THE PLAN.

19 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
20 SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE
21 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

22 (H) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION EACH
23 YEAR ON:

24 (I) FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ENERGY
25 EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION, DISAGGREGATED BY FUEL SOURCE AND
26 FUNDING SOURCE OR DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EFFORTS:

- 27 1. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED; AND
28 2. THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY SAVINGS; AND

29 (II) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT

1 RECEIVES, AND IS PROJECTED TO RECEIVE, FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
2 WEATHERIZATION FROM THE FUNDING SOURCES UNDER THIS SECTION.

3 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SATISFY THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT
4 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION BY INCLUDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN THE
5 6-MONTH STATUS REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION.

6 (I) THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, AND
7 OTHER STATE AGENCIES SHALL APPLY FOR ALL FEDERAL FUNDING THAT MAY
8 BECOME AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

9 (J) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE MEMBERS OF
10 THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN, INCLUDING A BUDGET, A TIMELINE, AND
11 POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES, TO PROVIDE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITS TO
12 ALL LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY 2031.

13 (2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TASK FORCE,
14 SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
15 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023.

16 7-211.2.

17 (A) THERE IS A GREEN AND HEALTHY TASK FORCE.

18 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

19 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
20 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

21 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY
22 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

23 (3) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
24 OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

25 (4) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
26 DESIGNEE;

27 (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION,
28 OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

29 (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL;
30 AND

1 **(7) AS APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE:**

2 **(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE**
3 **HOUSING TRUST;**

4 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREEN AND HEALTHY**
5 **HOMES INITIATIVE;**

6 **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MARYLAND ENERGY**
7 **EFFICIENCY ADVOCATES;**

8 **(IV) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN EXPERT IN PUBLIC HEALTH;**

9 **(V) ONE MEMBER FROM A COMMUNITY CONCERNED WITH**
10 **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE;**

11 **(VI) ONE MEMBER WHO OWNS OR DEVELOPS AFFORDABLE**
12 **HOUSING;**

13 **(VII) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM A**
14 **LOW-INCOME PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES; AND**

15 **(VIII) OTHER MEMBERS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR OF THE**
16 **TASK FORCE.**

17 **(C) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR**
18 **THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.**

19 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
20 **SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.**

21 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:**

22 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK**
23 **FORCE; BUT**

24 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
25 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

26 **(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:**

27 **(1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, MEET QUARTERLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3**
28 **YEARS;**

29 **(2) ADVANCE THE ALIGNMENT, BRANDING, AND COORDINATION OF**

1 RESOURCES TO MORE EFFECTIVELY DELIVER GREEN AND HEALTHY HOUSING FOR
2 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE STATE;

3 (3) EXAMINE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES NEEDED TO
4 ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES;

5 (4) DEVELOP POLICY AND STATUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS TO
6 ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ACHIEVING HEALTHY,
7 ENERGY-EFFICIENT, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND

8 (5) ENGAGE WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND COLLABORATE WITH
9 OTHER ENTITIES THAT CAN HELP ADVANCE THE GOALS OF THE TASK FORCE,
10 INCLUDING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHY AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOUSING.

11 (G) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND EACH JULY 1 THROUGH 2027, THE
12 TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
13 SECRETARY OF HEALTH, THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE
14 COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE
15 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2023.