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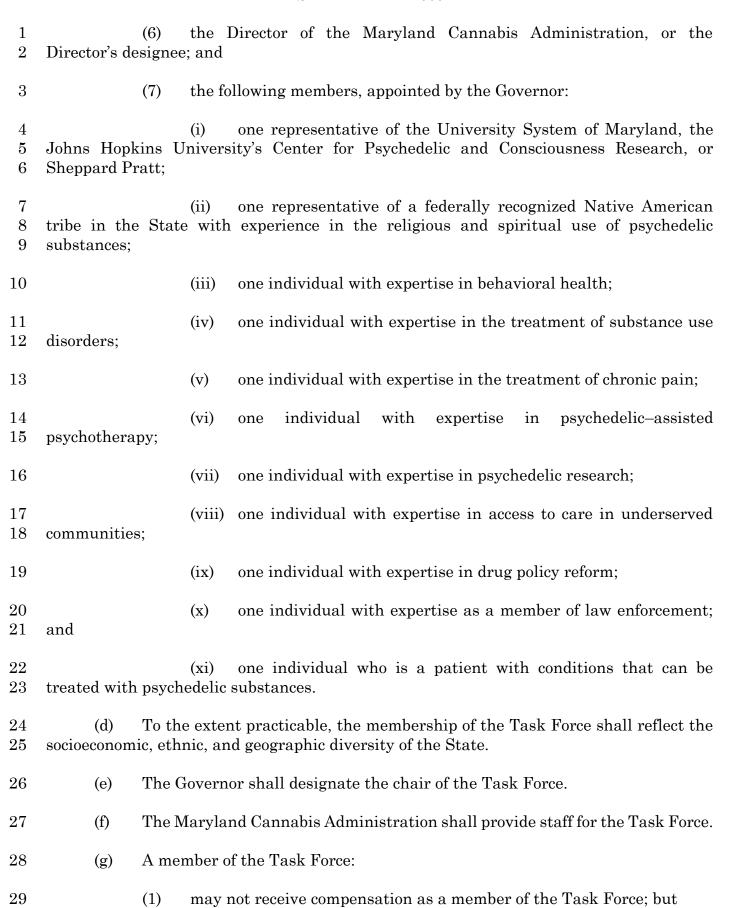
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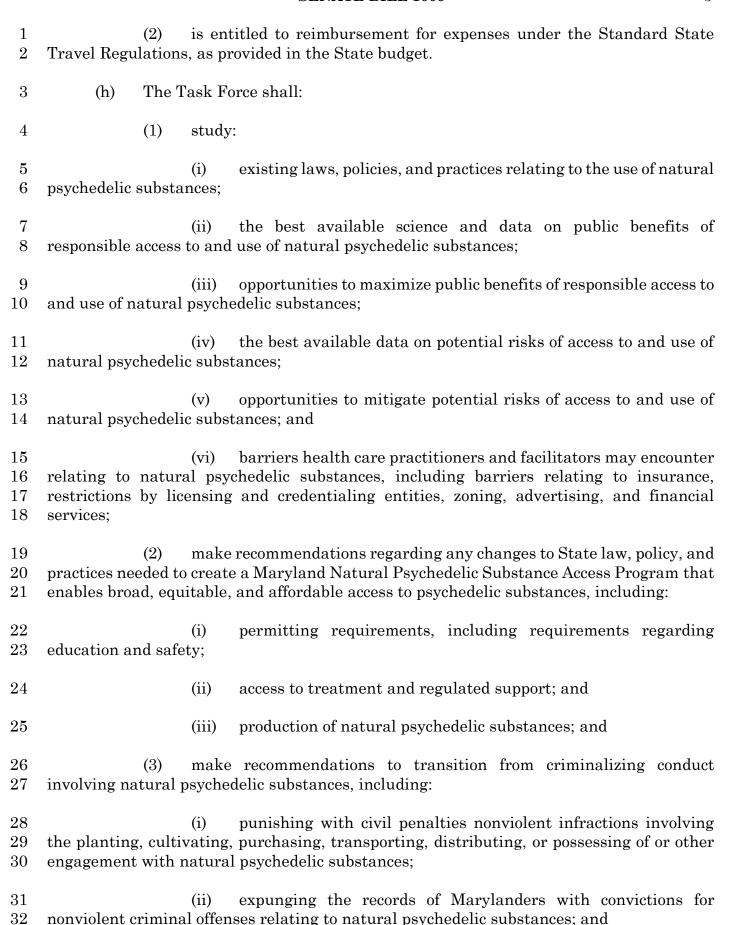
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic 4 Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural 5 psychedelic substances; and generally relating to the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances. 6 7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 8 That: 9 In this section, "natural psychedelic substances" means naturally (a) (1)10 derived psilocybin, psilocin, dimethyltryptamine, and mescaline. (2)11 "Natural psychedelic substances" does not include peyote. 12 There is a Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances. (b) The Task Force consists of the following members: 13 (c) 14 (1)one member of the Senate of Maryland who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate; 15 16 (2)one member of the House of Delegates who shall be appointed by the 17 Speaker of the House; 18 (3)the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee; 19 **(4)** the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee; 20 (5)the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;







- 1 (iii) releasing Marylanders incarcerated for nonviolent criminal 2 offenses relating to natural psychedelic substances.
- 3 (i) The Task Force may consult with experts and stakeholders in conducting its 4 duties.
- 5 (j) On or before July 31, 2025, the Task Force shall submit a report of its findings 6 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State 7 Government Article, the General Assembly.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.