

# HOUSE BILL 1632

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By: **Delegate Metzgar**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anthony McCarthy Task Force to Study Dialysis Outcomes**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Anthony McCarthy Task Force to Study Dialysis  
4 Outcomes; and generally relating to the Anthony McCarthy Task Force to Study  
5 Dialysis Outcomes.

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

8 (a) There is an Anthony McCarthy Task Force to Study Dialysis Outcomes.

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

10 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
11 the Senate;

12 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
13 the House;

14 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (4) one additional representative of the Maryland Department of Health,  
16 designated by the Secretary of Health; and

17 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

18 (i) one physician licensed in the State who specializes in urology;

19 (ii) one physician licensed in the State who specializes in nephrology;

20 and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) two individuals in the State who have received dialysis  
2 treatment.

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

4 (d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Task Force.

5 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

9 (f) The Task Force shall:

10 (1) evaluate current dialysis patient outcomes in the State;

11 (2) study methods, programs, and approaches that would improve dialysis  
12 patient outcomes, including:

13 (i) increased access to in-home dialysis treatment options;

14 (ii) the establishment of a training program for individuals receiving  
15 in-home dialysis treatment and the individuals' caretakers;

16 (iii) the creation of a mandatory certification for home health aides  
17 who provide support to individuals receiving in-home dialysis treatment;

18 (iv) the establishment of a grant program to provide monetary  
19 support to dialysis patients, including for home modifications for individuals receiving  
20 in-home dialysis treatments;

21 (v) the creation of a food-as-medicine grant program for dialysis  
22 patients to have reliable access to affordable, renal-friendly foods;

23 (vi) public service campaigns to educate individuals about kidney  
24 health; and

25 (vii) community screening events for kidney-related medical  
26 concerns; and

27 (3) make legislative recommendations regarding methods to improve  
28 dialysis patient outcomes while minimizing taxpayer burdens.

1 (g) On or before May 31, 2027, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
3 Government Article.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
5 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June  
6 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.