

HOUSE BILL 1774

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of the Enforcement of Restrictions on the**
3 **Possession of Regulated Firearms**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of the Enforcement
5 of Restrictions on the Possession of Regulated Firearms; providing for the
6 membership, staffing, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to
7 appoint the chair of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
8 receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain
10 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the
11 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the
13 Effectiveness of the Enforcement of Restrictions on the Possession of Regulated
14 Firearms.

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

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of the Enforcement of
18 Restrictions on the Possession of Regulated Firearms.

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

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

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

24 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (4) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 2 (5) the following individuals, appointed by the Governor:
- 3 (i) one representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;
- 4 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association; and
- 5 (iii) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys'
- 6 Association.
- 7 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- 8 (d) The Department of State Police shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- 9 (e) A member of the Task Force:
- 10 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- 11 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
- 12 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 13 (f) The Task Force shall:
- 14 (1) study the effectiveness of the enforcement of restrictions on the
- 15 possession of regulated firearms under § 5-133 of the Public Safety Article; and
- 16 (2) make recommendations regarding whether the existing laws are
- 17 effective and adequately serve the public.
- 18 (g) On or before December 1, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and
- 19 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
- 20 Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

22 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this

23 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no

24 further force and effect.