

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 261
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Biodiesel Renewable Fuel Act” and substitute “Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “State” in line 13 and substitute “establishing a Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to chair the Task Force; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 1 through line 6 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 8, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 2 through line 25 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force on Renewable Alternative Fuels.

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

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

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- (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (3) The State Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
 - (4) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (5) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (6) The Executive Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Executive Director's designee;
 - (7) One representative from the Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors' Association;
 - (8) One representative from the Maryland Motor Truck Association;
 - (9) One representative from the Maryland Petroleum Council;
 - (10) One representative from the Washington, Maryland, Delaware Service Station and Automotive Repair Association;
 - (11) One representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau; and
 - (12) One representative from groups that advocate for the environment.
- (c) The Secretary of Agriculture shall appoint the nondesignated members of the Task Force.
- (d) The Secretary of Agriculture shall chair the Task Force.

- (e) The Department of Agriculture shall provide staff for the Task Force.

- (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

- (g) The Task Force shall:
 - (1) Study ways to integrate biodiesel and other renewable fuels into motor fuels used in State and local public fleets;

 - (2) Study incentives or mandates to integrate biodiesel and other renewable fuels in the private and public sector;

 - (3) Study home heating issues;

 - (4) Determine the economic and environmental impact on Maryland, including Maryland agriculture, regarding the use of biodiesel and other renewable fuels;

 - (5) Determine how the use of biodiesel and other renewable fuels affects agricultural supplies and fuel supplies in Maryland; and

 - (6) Examine Maryland energy policy in terms of the following factors:
 - (i) Improving domestic (Maryland) energy supply and security as it pertains to liquid fuels;

 - (ii) Currently available sources of renewable alternative fuels to the Maryland market and the quantities available;

(iii) Sources, types, and quantities of renewable alternative fuels potentially available to the Maryland market in the next 3 years;

(iv) Infrastructure improvements needed;

(v) Investment needed and potential return on investment;

(vi) Opportunities for the petroleum industry;

(vii) Relevant policies in other states and federal policies; and

(viii) A timeline for future review.

(h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2007, to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 27, strike “October 1, 2007” and substitute “July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.