

HOUSE BILL 1028

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater
4 Management Practices; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task
5 Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force;
6 authorizing the Task Force to establish certain subcommittees; requiring the
7 Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues;
8 requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and General
9 Assembly regarding the recommendations by a certain date; prohibiting a
10 member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing
11 a member of the Task Force to receive certain reimbursements; providing for
12 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on
13 Improving Local Stormwater Management Practices.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force on Improving Local Stormwater Management
17 Practices.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
2 of the House;
- 3 (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4 (4) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5 (5) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;
- 6 (6) The Director of the Maryland Environmental Service, or the
7 Director's designee;
- 8 (7) The following members appointed by the Governor:
- 9 (i) One representative from the Maryland Municipal League;
- 10 (ii) One representative from the Maryland Association of
11 Counties;
- 12 (iii) One representative from the Center for Watershed
13 Protection, an organization based in Maryland;
- 14 (iv) One representative from the University of Maryland's Civil
15 and Environmental Engineering Department;
- 16 (v) Three representatives, from different counties, who are from
17 a local government's department that oversees environmental resources, watershed
18 protection, or water quality;
- 19 (vi) One representative from the Alliance for the Chesapeake
20 Bay;
- 21 (vii) One representative from the Low Impact Development
22 Center, an organization based in Maryland;
- 23 (viii) One representative from a local homeowners association;
24 and
- 25 (ix) One representative from the Chesapeake Bay Program's
26 Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee.
- 27 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

1 (d) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it determines necessary
2 to fulfill its duties.

3 (e) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task
4 Force.

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

8 (g) The Task Force shall:

9 (1) Evaluate and make recommendations regarding improving local
10 stormwater practices, including:

11 (i) Determining ways to improve maintenance and oversight of
12 stormwater ponds;

13 (ii) Evaluating the effectiveness of current practices that local
14 entities, such as homeowners associations, do to maintain stormwater management
15 ponds;

16 (iii) Studying and recommending innovative approaches that
17 help minimize the release of pollutants and assist a local jurisdiction in meeting
18 stormwater management requirements;

19 (iv) Evaluating statewide and local stormwater practices to
20 determine if the roles and responsibilities of different agencies regarding stormwater
21 management are an efficient use of the agency's resources and an effective method for
22 overall stormwater management; and

23 (v) Developing methods and strategies to encourage, educate,
24 and assist local governments and developers in using environmentally sensitive design
25 measures and low impact development techniques; and

26 (2) On or before June 1, 2008, submit a report of its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
28 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
31 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.