

# HOUSE BILL 1276

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By: **Delegate Malone**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual Motor Vehicle Safety**  
3 **Inspections**

4 FOR the purpose of creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual  
5 Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections; providing for the membership of the Task  
6 Force; requiring the Task Force to select a chair from among its members;  
7 requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to staff the Task Force; requiring  
8 the Task Force to make certain findings and recommendations related to the  
9 establishment of a certain motor vehicle safety inspection requirement;  
10 providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Task Force;  
11 providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law do not  
12 apply under certain circumstances to certain regulated lobbyists who serve on  
13 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to the  
14 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for  
15 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study  
16 the Establishment of Annual Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That:

19 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of Annual Motor  
20 Vehicle Safety Inspections.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3           (2)   two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
4 President of the Senate;

5           (3)   the Motor Vehicle Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;

6           (4)   the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

7           (5)   a representative of the Washington, Maryland, Delaware Service  
8 Station and Automotive Repair Association, appointed by the President of the  
9 Association; and

10          (6)   a consumer representative, appointed by the Governor.

11          (c)   From among its members, the Task Force shall select a chair of the Task  
12 Force.

13          (d)   The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

14          (e)   (1)   A member of the Task Force:

15                   (i)   may not receive compensation as a member of the Task  
16 Force; but

17                   (ii)  is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the  
18 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19          (2)   If a regulated lobbyist is appointed to serve as a member of the  
20 Task Force, the lobbyist:

21                   (i)   is not subject to § 15-504(d) of the State Government Article  
22 with respect to that service; and

23                   (ii)  is not subject to § 15-703(f)(3) of the State Government  
24 Article as a result of that service.

25          (f)   The Task Force shall:

26           (1)   examine the positive and negative aspects of requiring annual  
27 motor vehicle safety inspections;

1                   (2)    consider motor vehicle safety inspection programs implemented by  
2 other states;

3                   (3)    examine the costs, to the State and to a motor vehicle owner,  
4 associated with requiring an annual motor vehicle safety inspection; and

5                   (4)    make findings and recommendations as to:

6                           (i)    whether requiring annual motor vehicle safety inspections  
7 would benefit citizens of the State; and

8                           (ii)   if applicable, how to implement the annual motor vehicle  
9 safety inspections requirement.

10                   (g)    On or before December 31, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings  
11 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
12 Government Article, the General Assembly.

13                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
15 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
16 abrogated and of no further force and effect.