

HOUSE BILL 1138

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By: **Delegates Braveboy, Cane, Feldman, Griffith, Hecht, Holmes, Manno, Miller, and Pena-Melnyk**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Gasoline Zone-Pricing in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Gasoline Zone-Pricing in
4 Maryland; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing
5 for the appointment of a Senate co-chair and House co-chair of the Task Force;
6 providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task
7 Force from receiving compensation for serving on the Task Force; authorizing a
8 member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses;
9 requiring a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the
10 termination of the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study
11 Gasoline Zone-Pricing in Maryland.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Gasoline Zone-Pricing in Maryland.

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

16 (1) ~~three members~~ one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed
17 by the President of the Senate;

18 (2) ~~three members~~ one member of the House of Delegates, appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

2 (4) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; and

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

4 (i) one representative of service station dealers or operators
5 named from a list provided by the Washington Maryland Delaware Service Station
6 and Automotive Repair Association;

7 (ii) one representative of independent service station dealers or
8 operators;

9 (iii) two representatives of gasoline suppliers;

10 (iv) one consumer advocate group representative;

11 (v) one economist familiar with the sale and distribution of
12 petroleum in the State; and

13 (vi) three members of the public, with one member each
14 representing:

15 1. an urban area of the State;

16 2. a suburban area of the State; and

17 3. a rural area of the State.

18 (c) (1) The President of the Senate shall designate ~~one of the members~~
19 the member appointed from the Senate of Maryland as co-chair of the Task Force.

20 (2) The Speaker of the House shall designate ~~one of the members~~ the
21 member appointed from the House of Delegates as co-chair of the Task Force.

22 (d) ~~The Office of the Comptroller~~ Department of Legislative Services shall
23 provide staff for the Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

28 (f) The Task Force shall:

29 (1) study:

- 1 (i) the effect of gasoline zone-pricing on communities;
- 2 (ii) the effect of gasoline zone-pricing on consumers; and
- 3 (iii) the effect of existing gasoline pricing laws and regulation
- 4 and the need for regulation in the area of gasoline pricing; and

5 (2) make recommendations regarding the regulation of gasoline
6 pricing, including statutory changes.

7 (g) The Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
9 Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008, and submit a final
10 report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
11 General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
14 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.