

HOUSE BILL 1506

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Racing at Rosecroft Raceway**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Racing at
4 Rosecroft Raceway; providing for the membership, appointment of members,
5 chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for the reimbursement for the
6 members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the feasibility of
7 conducting thoroughbred racing at Rosecroft Raceway, submit a report, and
8 make certain recommendations by a certain date; terminating the Task Force
9 on a certain date; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred
10 Racing at Rosecroft Raceway.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Racing at Rosecroft
14 Raceway.

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

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

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

20 (3) one member of the State Racing Commission, appointed by the
21 chair of the Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) one member of the Prince George's County Council, appointed by
2 the chair of the council;

3 (5) one member who is recommended by the Maryland Horse Breeders
4 Association;

5 (6) one member who is recommended by the mile thoroughbred
6 licensees of the State;

7 (7) one member who is recommended by the owner of Rosecroft
8 Raceway; and

9 (8) one resident of the 26th Legislative District, appointed by the
10 Governor.

11 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

12 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff
13 for the Task Force.

14 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

18 (f) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred racing at
20 Rosecroft Raceway, including determining the probable impact of such racing on the
21 community adjacent to Rosecroft Raceway and on the racing industry in the State, and
22 discovering whether State funds would be available to facilitate thoroughbred racing
23 at Rosecroft Raceway; and

24 (2) make recommendations regarding the future of Rosecroft
25 Raceway.

26 (g) On or before January 1, 2009, the Task Force shall report its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
28 Government Article, the General Assembly, and the County Executive and County
29 Council of Prince George's County.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
32 end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
33 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.