

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing that the Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation.

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

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation.

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

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

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

(3) one representative of the Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) one representative of the Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) one representative from the Department of Budget and Management, appointed by the Governor;

(6) one representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, designated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

(7) one representative from the Maryland Association of Counties, designated by the Maryland Association of Counties; ~~and~~

(8) one representative from the Maryland Forests Association, designated by the Maryland Forests Association;

(9) one representative from the Maryland Arborist Association, designated by the Maryland Arborist Association;