

combustion products of building materials may result in more effective prevention of fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between the fire deaths and the ease of ignition, rate of heat release, smoke development, toxic combustion products, and other factors, such as detection devices and new development of quick response sprinklers, may require that government reexamine the regulation of the use of materials for constructing and furnishing buildings, fire safety systems, and detection and suppression, or other remedies; and

WHEREAS, The long term effects of toxic combustion products on the health of the public is generally unknown, and the effects of these products on the health of fire fighters may require additional evaluation of protective equipment, physical fitness, and health care of these valued public servants to protect our property from catastrophe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force to study fire deaths, the cause of fire deaths, combustibility, flammability, fire gas toxicity, suppression and detection systems, and encourage state of the art research being conducted with regard to fire safety in the United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of the following members appointed by the Governor:

(1) A member of the Maryland State and District of Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association;

(2) A member of the International Association of Fire Fighters;

(3) A member of the Maryland State Volunteer Fireman's Association;

(4) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or his the Secretary's designee;

(5) A representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development;

(6) A member of the Maryland Council on Toxic Substances;

(7) The Commissioner of Labor and Industry or his the Secretary's designee;

(8) Two 2 local fire officials having responsibility for the enforcement or administration of fire codes;

(9) A representative of the Maryland Association of Counties who has knowledge of or is responsible for the administration of building codes;