

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

**Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments**

18-307.

(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE.

(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;

(3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR A DESIGNEE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

(4) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE POLICE OR A DESIGNEE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT;

(5) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(6) SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM ASIAN ORGANIZATIONS; AND

(7) TWO REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM NONASIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

(C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STRATAEGY FOR PREVENTING AND REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIANS BY:

(1) EXAMINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM OF ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND, AND EXISTING LEGAL MECHANISMS FOR ADDRESSING IT;

(2) REVIEWING THE EFFORTS OF OTHER STATES AND CITIES TO STUDY AND ADDRESS THE PROBLEM;

(3) COLLECTING DATA AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO COUNTERACT BIASED ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENTS; AND

(4) EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING, AS APPROPRIATE, LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK FORCE.

(E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.