

(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.

(F) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1998.

(H) THIS SECTION SHALL BE NULL AND VOID AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998 WITH NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland that the Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence, which was created by Chapter 311 of the Acts of 1995 and codified under Article 41, § 18-308 of the Code, and which expired on January 1, 1997 without sufficient time to complete its review, be reconstituted and continued by this Act and that the members and staff of the prior Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence serve as the successor Task Force to Study Anti-Asian Violence created by the enactment of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 396

(House Bill 112)

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Liens, Regulation of Towing Practices,
and the Disposition of Unclaimed Vehicles**