

(a) There is a Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products.

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

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

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

(3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) one member of the Maryland Farm Bureau;

(8) one member of the Maryland Grain Producers Association;

(9) one representative of MidAtlantic Farm Credit; and

(10) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the ocean shipping industry;

~~(10)~~ (ii) one representative of the trucking industry;

~~(11)~~ (iii) one representative of the rail industry;

~~(12)~~ (iv) one representative of the barge industry; and

~~(13)~~ (v) two licensed grain dealers; ~~and~~

~~(14) one representative of MidAtlantic Farm Credit.~~

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

(d) The Department of Agriculture shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

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

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) evaluate options and develop strategies for the marketing of grain, particularly soybeans, and other State agricultural products, including an analysis of the feasibility of: