

two workgroups to study and report back on the economic development of these industries. At this time, it is unnecessary to establish another workgroup whose responsibilities, membership and goals overlap the economic mission of these programs and incentives.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 849.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 849

AN ACT concerning

#### **Task Force on Resource Industry Business Development**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Resource Industry Business Development; providing for a certain membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to establish a certain workgroup, perform certain functions, and report to certain persons by a certain date; authorizing the Task Force to appoint certain committees; providing a certain staff for the Task Force; prohibiting certain persons from the receipt of certain compensation, and authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Resource Industry Business Development.

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, Chapter 433 of the Acts of 2000 enacted the Task Force on Resource Based Industry in Maryland in order to examine the need for, and feasibility of, establishing a finance development authority to assist the State's farming, fishing, forestry, and mining extraction industries with loans, financing, training, and technical and business planning assistance services; and

WHEREAS, In its preliminary findings and recommendations issued in January 2001, the Task Force recommended that a comprehensive interagency needs assessment be conducted in order to enhance understanding of the loans and grants that would be necessary to address the initial needs of resource based industries; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 196 of the Acts of 2001 extended the Task Force for an additional year in order to continue its work in the study and development of these rural-based business operations; and

WHEREAS, An interagency workgroup of Task Force members met on a regular basis in order to focus the work of the group and to coordinate the completion of the needs assessment; and

WHEREAS, In light of the completed needs assessment, it is the understanding of the Task Force that in today's rural economy there is no great demand for