

(1) an interim report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2004; and

(2) a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2005.

(h) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide staff to the Task Force.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 139

(House Bill 1242)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Task Force to Study Criminal Offender Monitoring by Global Positioning Systems

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Criminal Offender Monitoring by Global Positioning Systems to study how the State can utilize Global Positioning technology to monitor certain individuals who have committed criminal offenses, how law enforcement can benefit from linkage to Global Positioning technology to solve crimes and streamline workload, ~~how such a system could be financed, and the feasibility of implementing a certain program,~~ admissibility of evidence issues, and other issues that the Task Force considers relevant; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make legislative recommendations; requiring that the Governor, to the extent possible, make appointments to the Task Force representing geographically diverse jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to meet at the times and places that the chairman determines; requiring the Task Force to provide certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for staffing of the Task Force; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Criminal Offender Monitoring by Global Positioning Systems.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Criminal Offender Monitoring by Global Positioning Systems.