

(5) Determine how the use of biodiesel and other renewable fuels affects agricultural supplies and fuel supplies in Maryland; and

(6) Examine Maryland energy policy in terms of the following factors:

(i) Improving domestic (Maryland) energy supply and security as it pertains to liquid fuels;

(ii) Currently available sources of renewable alternative fuels to the Maryland market and the quantities available;

(iii) Sources, types, and quantities of renewable alternative fuels potentially available to the Maryland market in the next 3 years;

(iv) Infrastructure improvements needed;

(v) Investment needed and potential return on investment;

(vi) Opportunities for the petroleum industry;

(vii) Relevant policies in other states and federal policies; and

(viii) A timeline for future review.

(h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2007, to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2007~~ July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

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(Senate Bill 283)

AN ACT concerning