

(i) the problems associated with identity theft in Maryland, including repairing one's credit history and the adequacy of current Maryland law in deterring identity theft;

(ii) privacy laws in other states and at the federal level that address identity theft; and

(iii) issues relating to restricting information that is provided on consumer reports;

(2) consult with:

(i) relevant federal agencies, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) relevant agencies in other states; and

(iii) other experts on identity theft;

(3) survey State agencies to determine compliance with State and federal laws relating to the collection and use of Social Security numbers, including § 10-624 of the State Government Article and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a; and

(4) make recommendations regarding possible remedies to identity theft, including statutory changes.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, [2006] **2007**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and 7 months and, at the end of January 31, [2007] **2008**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or 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 by the Governor, April 10, 2007.