

20, Acts of 1979. The Task Force examined regulatory compliance activities such as surveys, inspections, visits, and formal and informal reports effecting health facilities and provider enterprises. The objective of the study was to recommend means to eliminate, consolidate, and otherwise reduce such regulatory activities, initiate regulations revision as necessary, recommend changes in law where appropriate, and, while concentrating initially on general hospitals, involve other health facilities, such as nursing homes.

The Task Force consists of fifteen members. One member each, recommended by the respective committee chairpersons, represent the Senate Economic Affairs Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appointed three members to represent the Maryland Hospital Association, one member each to represent the Maryland Nurses Association, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Maryland, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Governor appointed three public members, one of whom served as chairperson.

The Task Force's report of September 1982 is available upon request. The report notes significant accomplishments, including the passage of legislation to recognize the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Certification for State licensure purposes in hospitals.

Because of the complexity of subject matter, the Task Force is viewed as one having extended duration. It is continuing to study quality assurance, utilization review, and equal access.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSING TASK FORCE

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The Governor's Housing Task Force was appointed by the Governor in 1981 (Joint Resolution no. 22, Acts of 1981). The Task Force was created in response to the rapid increases in costs of new housing construction and in mortgage rates, which have placed growing pressures on low and moderate income households.

The Task Force is to study the demand for subsidized housing in Maryland. It is to review policies and procedures of the Community Development Administration of the Department of Economic and Community Development, and evaluate the role of the Maryland Housing Fund in supporting State housing programs.

The Task Force further is charged to make an assessment of Statewide housing needs and examine alternate allocation guides for the distribution of assisted housing. It is to examine the relationship of the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Community Development Administration; conduct a personnel review of the Community Development Administration; and evaluate the underwriting procedures of the Administration. The Task Force also will explore ways by which the Community Development Administration can expand its role in the area of housing for the elderly and for families. Finally, the Task Force will review code provisions and agency regulations requiring local approval of housing proposals.

The Task Force is to report its findings and recommendations in October 1983.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE DEFENSE OF INSANITY

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The Governor created this task force in 1982 to examine the legal defense of insanity and to review alternatives to the defense.

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