

adjoining counties, two or more municipal corporations, or any combination of adjoining counties and municipal corporations to develop a regional long-term growth policy.

SECTION 5-4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland.

(b) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) (i) two members of the House Environmental Matters Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) (ii) two members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) (iii) the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

(iv) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) (v) the Director the University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth, or the Director's designee;

(5) (vi) four representatives of local government:

(i) 1. two designated by the Maryland Municipal League; and

(ii) 2. two designated by the Maryland Association of Counties;

and

(6) (vii) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) 1. one representative of the environmental community; and

(ii) 2. one representative of the State Builders Association; and

(iii) one representative of the agricultural community.

(2) If the Governor appoints a regulated lobbyist to serve as a member of the Task Force, the lobbyist:

(i) is not subject to § 15-504(d) of the State Government Article with respect to that service; and

(ii) is not subject to § 15-703(f)(3) of the State Government Article as a result of that service.

(c) From among its members, the Task Force shall elect a chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Planning shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but