

(f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Task Force shall:

(1) Evaluate and make recommendations regarding methods of improving minority participation in the environmental community, including:

(i) Establishing environmental centers at historically black colleges and universities, such as Morgan State University, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Sojourner Douglass College, for disseminating information about careers in the environmental arena, implementing environmental education and restoration projects for faculty research, providing opportunities for students to participate in the environmental arena, such as student internships with governmental or nonprofit organizations, and encouraging student participation in community development;

(ii) Improving communication to minority communities and encouraging community participation on water quality and environmental health issues and other environmental justice issues affecting their communities; and

(iii) Improving the flow of information and services into minority communities regarding land conservation in general and protecting natural resources, open space, and land via conservation easements; and

(2) Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Enacted May 26, 2006.

CHAPTER 521

(Senate Bill 354)

AN ACT concerning

Uniform Commercial Code - Secured Transactions - Continuation Statement - Transition Rules

FOR the purpose of confirming the effectiveness of certain continuation statements filed under Title 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code within a certain period to continue in effect financing statements filed before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the application of this Act; and