

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study:

(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; and

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

(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; ~~and~~

(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.

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 and 7 months and, at the end of January 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 242

(Senate Bill 43)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Identity Theft

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Identity Theft; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of a Senate co-chairman and House co-chairman of the Task Force; providing for the