(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2006.

## Article - Public Safety

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- (a) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B)(6) OF THIS SECTION, EACH sleeping area within each occupancy classified residential, as defined in the most recent edition of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code adopted by the State Fire Prevention Commission, shall be equipped with at least one approved smoke detector that:
  - (i) senses visible or invisible particles of combustion; and
- (ii) is installed in a manner and location approved by the State Fire Prevention Commission.
- (2) When activated, the smoke detector shall provide an alarm suitable to warn the occupants.
- (b) (1) The landlord shall install smoke detectors as required under subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) On written notification by certified mail by the tenant or on notification in person by the tenant, the landlord shall repair or replace the smoke detector.
- (3) If the tenant personally notifies the landlord of the failure of a smoke detector, the landlord shall provide a written receipt acknowledging the notification:
- (4) A tenant may not remove a smoke detector or render a smoke detector inoperative.
- (5) Except for hotels or motels, a landlord may require a refundable deposit for a smoke detector not exceeding the value of the smoke detector.
- (6) (I) On written request of a tenant who is deaf or hearing impaired, OR HAS A DEPENDENT OR SPOUSE WHO IS DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED, the landlord shall provide [a] smoke [detector] DETECTORS that, when activated, [provides] PROVIDE a signal that:
- {(i)} 1. is approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory for electrical appliances; and
  - {(ii)}2. is sufficient to warn the deaf or hearing impaired tenant.
- (II) SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE INSTALLED IN EACH SLEEPING AREA IN THE UNIT THAT IS SELECTED BY THE TENANT AND IN ANY TWO ADDITIONAL ROOMS THAT ARE SELECTED BY THE TENANT.