

Disease in Maryland; providing for the membership, chair, and staff for the Task Force; providing that a member of the Task Force may receive certain reimbursement as provided in the State budget; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Autoimmune Disease in Maryland.

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) a representative of the Maryland Insurance Administration, selected by the Administration;

(5) a representative of the Department of Disabilities, appointed by the Secretary of Disabilities;

(6) a representative of the Vital Statistics Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

(7) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) one health care provider with special expertise in autoimmune disease;

(ii) one representative of a health care clinic that serves people with autoimmune disease;

(iii) one representative from a State hospital that serves people with autoimmune disease;

(iv) one representative from a State university conducting research on autoimmune disease;

(v) one representative who is a consumer of autoimmune disease services and has expertise in autoimmune disease affecting minorities;

(vi) one representative who is a consumer of autoimmune disease services and has expertise in autoimmune disease affecting women of childbearing age;