

(7) identify the need for a public awareness campaign on autoimmune disease in the State to encourage early diagnosis and treatment to lower the cost of autoimmune disease, and explore ways that such a campaign could be funded and implemented;

(8) identify ways to link autoimmune patients with health services in the State;

(9) identify collaborations with the business community and employers on the long-term and chronic effects of autoimmune disease and ways to assist employees affected by autoimmune disease;

(10) identify the special needs of women with autoimmune disease and ways to assist them;

(11) identify private and public funding resources to support future planning and implementation of the Task Force recommendations;

(12) identify ways for the State to work collaboratively with existing private resources in the State, such as autoimmune disease patient groups, professional health associations, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, and the medical research and biotechnology research communities; and

(13) study other topics relating to autoimmune disease in the State.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 1 of each year.

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 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 438

(House Bill 1529)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - State's Attorney's Office - Salaries, Expenses, and Employees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Dorchester County State's Attorney from engaging in the private practice of law at any time in any jurisdiction; prohibiting the State's Attorney from appearing professionally in any criminal proceeding in the State except in connection with and performance of duties as State's Attorney; altering the authority for the State's Attorney to appoint deputy or assistant State's Attorneys subject to certain approval; providing for