

FOR the purpose of removing the State Accident Fund from the Department of Personnel; establishing certain budget and reporting requirements for the Fund; providing that the Fund is independent of State agencies and not subject to certain laws, with certain exceptions; requiring the Fund commissioners to maintain a certain surplus and reserves; taking out a certain reference to the Comptroller of the State; altering the method by which the Fund may lay off and reinstate certain unclassified employees; providing that certain unclassified employees shall be compensated in accordance with the State pay plan when possible; creating a task force to study certain operations of the State Accident Fund; requiring the task force to submit a certain report containing certain information and recommendations by a certain date; providing for the membership of the task force; specifying that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation; providing that staff for the task force shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House; providing for a delayed effective date for certain sections of this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the State Accident Fund.

SECTION 1. ---BE---IT---ENACTED---BY---THE---GENERAL---ASSEMBLY---OF MARYLAND,---That there is a Task Force to Study the State Accident Fund;

SECTION 2. ---AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,---That the Task Force to Study the State Accident Fund shall present a preliminary report to the General Assembly by December 17, 1987, including any recommendations that it is prepared to make at that time. ---A final report shall be presented to the General Assembly by November 17, 1988. ---The reports of the task force shall include, if appropriate, recommendations for legislation, administrative changes, or procedural adjustments designed to improve the operation of the Fund. ---In its study of the State Accident Fund, the task force shall consider, but not limit itself to, a review of:

(1)---the role, scope, procedures, and operations of the Fund;

(2)---the Fund's reserve and accounting practices, including the adequacy of the Fund's reserves to meet its financial obligations over time;

(3)---the manner and degree to which the Fund should be subject to the State budget process;