

- (3) the Secretary of State or Secretary of State's designee; and
- (~~3~~) ~~13~~(4) 18 members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- (i) 1 representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
 - (ii) 1 representative of the Department of Human Resources;
 - (iii) 1 licensed physician;
 - (iv) 1 representative of the Office on Aging;
 - (v) ~~2~~ 3 licensed morticians, one of whom shall be a small proprietor;
 - (vi) ~~1 representative~~ 3 ~~2~~ representatives of the for-profit cemetery industry, one of whom shall be a resident cemetery owner;
 - (vii) ~~1 representative~~ 2 representatives from a nonprofit cemetery;
 - (~~vii~~) (viii) 1 representative of the hospice industry;
 - (~~viii~~) (ix) 1 representative of the Attorney General's Office; ~~and~~
 - (x) 1 representative from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and
 - (~~ix~~) (xi) 4 members at large.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Task Force.
- (d) Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Legislative Reference.
- (e) The purposes and responsibilities of the Task Force are to:
- (1) identify small businesses in the funeral and burial industries;
 - (~~1~~) (2) assess:
 - (i) the regulation of the funeral industry in this State and other states;
 - (ii) the costs to consumers of funeral merchandise, including caskets, cremations, and burial plots; ~~and~~
 - (iii) the costs to the State and local governments for the burial of indigent individuals;
 - (iv) interest rates and financing charges in the burial industries;
 - (v) the issues facing small businesses in the funeral and burial industries;
 - (vi) the religious needs of various consumers as they relate to burial practices; and
 - (vii) the reinterment of remains that are discovered in the development of property;