

CHAPTER 544
(House Bill 1222)

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County - Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private
Communities in Calvert County**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private Communities in Calvert County; specifying the membership of the Task Force; providing for the chairman and staff of the Task Force; providing that members of the Task Force serve without compensation but are entitled to certain compensation for expenses; requiring the Task Force to conduct a certain survey, hold certain public hearings, determine the availability of certain resources, and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the County Commissioners of Calvert County and the Calvert County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study the Infrastructure Needs of Private Communities in Calvert County.

Preamble

WHEREAS, There are many older private communities in Calvert County which were established before the existence of current standards for planned community development; and

WHEREAS, Many of these older private communities have severe infrastructure needs in a number of areas, including roadway improvements and maintenance, stormwater management, and wastewater management; and

WHEREAS, These older private communities have limited capability and resources to adequately address their infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, The failure to adequately address the infrastructure needs of these private communities could have adverse consequences in the communities and the entire County, which could affect a broad range of quality-of-life issues; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of the population of Calvert County resides in these private communities; and

WHEREAS, The residents of these private communities pay State and county taxes at the same rate as all other residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, No State or county tax moneys are returned to these private communities to assist in addressing their infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, It may be possible for State and county government agencies to find creative ways to help these private communities address their infrastructure needs; now, therefore,