

~~(3)~~ (5) determine the average expenditures by retired military service personnel on an annual basis for goods and services and the estimated sales tax generated by retired military service personnel in the State;

~~(4)~~ (6) determine the average expenditures in the form of State, county, and local government services delivered to retired military service personnel in comparison to the adult population as a whole and their families;

~~(5)~~ (7) determine the cost of health care services provided by the State to retired military service personnel in comparison to the adult population as a whole; and and their families;

~~(6)~~ (8) determine the average State, county, and local real estate taxes paid by retired military service personnel on an annual basis;

~~(9)~~ review a comparison of the total tax burden in the State for military retirees as compared to other states; and

~~(10)~~ review a comparison of the total tax burden in the State including provisions of State law exempting retirement income and military retirement income from taxation and any property tax or other tax benefits for retirees or military retirees, as compared to other states.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 82 – Job-Related Substance Abuse Testing – Specimens – Definition.

This bill adds saliva derived from the human body to the list of specimens that may be used for job-related substance abuse testing.

Senate Bill 435, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 82.

Sincerely,