

01.01.2002.05 by extending to May 31, 2004 the date by which the Water Resources Advisory Committee must report its findings. The Committee is to study and report on various issues relating to water resources, including conservation and protection of water resources and the adequacy of government regulations relating to water resources management.

House Bill 659 is not necessary due to my Executive Order.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 659.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 659

AN ACT concerning

#### Environment - Task Force on Water Resource Management - Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Water Resource Management; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine certain management, development, conservation, and protection issues relevant to ground and surface water, perform certain assessments, and make certain findings, recommendations, and cost estimates; providing for reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Task Force; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with certain other State agencies, to staff the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit ~~an interim and final report~~ certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by certain dates; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Water Resource Management.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) There is a Task Force on Water Resource Management.
- (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 23 members:
  - (1) two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (2) two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (3) the Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary's designee;
  - (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's designee;
  - (5) the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee;