

task force appointed in this area, to expand the areas of expertise represented in the membership, to change the name of the task force and to redefine its charge, and to create the Task Force on Resource Industry Business Development; now, therefore,

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

(a) There is a Task Force on Resource Industry Business Development.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following 28 members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) (i) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee; and

(ii) three economic development officials from rural counties, selected by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development as follows:

1. one from the Eastern Shore of Maryland;

2. one from the Western Shore of Maryland; and

3. one from Southern Maryland;

(4) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) two representatives of the Department of Natural Resources, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources:

(i) one from the Forest Service; and

(ii) one from the Fisheries Service;

(6) the Executive Director of the Maryland Food Center Authority, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the Director of the Maryland Cooperative Extension, or the Director's designee;

(8) (i) the Executive Director of the Forvm for Rural Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee; and

(ii) an economic development representative who specializes in agricultural economic development, appointed by the Executive Director of the Forvm for Rural Maryland;

(9) the Chair of the Maryland Forestry Task Force, or the Chair's designee;