

(4) develop specific recommendations for improving economic development of resource based industries and related innovation, information sharing, technology transfer, coordination, and business education and training;

(5) monitor:

(i) the performance and progress of State agencies in their service of resource based industries; and

(ii) relevant studies of rural-based business, including those conducted by the University of Maryland and Salisbury University; and

(6) report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2003.

(e) As necessary and appropriate, the Task Force may appoint ad hoc committees to assist the Task Force in any aspect of the development of resource industry business opportunities and markets.

(f) The Department of Legislative Services, with the assistance of the Forum for Rural Maryland, shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(g) A member of the Task Force or of an ad hoc committee of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force or committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 5 months and, at the end of October 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 743 – Workers' Compensation – Partly Dependent Individuals – Death Benefit.

This bill modifies the calculation for payment of weekly death benefits to partly dependent individuals and raises the maximum limit of death benefits.

House Bill 887, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 743.