

(i) improve the affordability of medical professional liability insurance in the State;

(ii) improve the accessibility of medical professional liability insurance in the State;

(iii) foster greater competition in the medical professional liability insurance market in the State; and

(iv) help prevent disruptions in the State's health care delivery system; and

(2) any other criteria or factors the task force determines are appropriate.

(d) The task force shall submit its recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate of Maryland, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates no later than October 1, 2005.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Administrative Compensation for Patient Injury Claims:

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

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(4) a circuit court judge, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;

(5) the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Chairman of the State Board of Physicians, or the Chairman's designee;

(7) the State Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee;

(8) the Chairman of the State Workers' Compensation Commission, or the Chairman's designee; and

(9) the following members appointed by the Governor, in consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

(i) one representative of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland;