

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study State Assistance to Veterans.

(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 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

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

(5) the Adjutant General of the Military, or the Adjutant General's designee; and

(6) the following seven members, ~~jointly~~ appointed by the ~~President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House~~ GOVERNOR:

(i) one member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, or the member's designee;

(ii) one member of the Maryland Veterans Commission;

(iii) two veterans, one of whom is disabled and one of whom has separated from military service within the past 2 years;

(iv) one individual who is the surviving spouse or parent of a veteran;

(v) one individual with knowledge of providing health care services to veterans; and

(vi) a representative of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly designate the chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The President of the Senate ~~and~~ the Speaker of the House, AND THE GOVERNOR shall make all appointments on or before July 1, [2006] 2007.