

**UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 1211**

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Delegates Rosenberg and Frush, Frush, Bobo, V. Clagett, Glassman, Hogan, Holmes, Jennings, Lawton, McConkey, Montgomery, Pugh, Stern, and Sossi**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Task Force on Green Building**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Green Building; establishing the  
4 membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Speaker of the House  
5 and President of the Senate to designate the chair of the Task Force; authorizing  
6 the Task Force to establish certain subcommittees; requiring the Task Force to  
7 evaluate and make recommendations regarding certain issues; requiring the  
8 Task Force to submit a preliminary and final report to the Governor and  
9 General Assembly and its committees regarding its recommendations by a  
10 certain date; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain  
11 compensation, but authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive certain  
12 reimbursements; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
13 relating to the Task Force on Green Building.

14 BY adding to

1 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
2 Section 5-9A-01 and the subtitle "Subtitle 9A. Task Force on Green Building"  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)  
5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:  
7 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**  
8 SUBTITLE 9A. TASK FORCE ON GREEN BUILDING.  
9 5-9A-01.

10 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON GREEN BUILDING.

11 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

12 (1) *ONE MEMBER* OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
13 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

13 (2) *ONE MEMBER* OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,  
15 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

16 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
17 DESIGNEE;

18 (4) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

19 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
20 OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

21 (6) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

22 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND  
23 ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
24 RESOURCES;

25 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND ENERGY  
26 ADMINISTRATION;

27 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND  
28 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE;

29 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARYLAND'S OFFICE OF  
30 SMART GROWTH;

31 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
32 INDUSTRY;

1 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OF COMMERCIAL  
2 BUILDING INDUSTRY OWNERS;

3 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMERCIAL  
4 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;

5 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUILDING PRODUCT  
6 MANUFACTURER'S INDUSTRY;

7 (IX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF  
8 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS;

9 (X) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S  
10 ZONING AND PLANNING TEAM;

11 (XI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER;  
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14 (XII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY  
15 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION;

16 (XIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALTIMORE REGIONAL  
17 CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL; AND

18 (XIV) ONE MEMBER OF THE GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVE.

19 (C) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND PRESIDENT OF THE  
20 SENATE JOINTLY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.

21 (D) THE TASK FORCE MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AS IT DETERMINES  
22 NECESSARY TO FULFILL ITS DUTIES.

23 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

25 (F) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR  
26 SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
27 EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN  
28 THE STATE BUDGET.

29 (G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

30 (1) EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
31 METHODS OF FACILITATING PUBLIC DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE  
32 COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING LOW-IMPACT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,  
33 INCLUDING:

34 (I) STUDYING LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT CODES AROUND  
35 THE COUNTRY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNIQUES TO DETERMINE WHAT  
36 MAKES A PROGRAM EFFECTIVE;

1 (II) EVALUATING INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES TO  
2 IMPLEMENTING A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDING BEST  
3 PRACTICES TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION REGARDING A GREEN BUILDING  
4 PROGRAM TO COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND DEVELOPERS; AND

5 (III) IDENTIFYING STATEWIDE POTENTIAL FOR LOW-IMPACT  
6 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR COST REDUCTION FOR  
7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, ROAD BUILDING, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE  
8 FOR COMMUNITIES IN LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ZONING AREAS; AND

9 (2) (I) SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF  
11 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2007; AND

14 (II) SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF  
16 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON OR BEFORE  
17 OCTOBER 1, 2007.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the  
20 end of October 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
21 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.