

# HOUSE BILL 1097

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation  
4 Equity to study the misvaluation and undervaluation of property owned by  
5 minorities; and generally relating to the Task Force on Property Appraisal and  
6 Valuation Equity.

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

9 (a) There is a Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity.

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

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

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

15 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
16 Secretary's designee;

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

18 (5) the Director of Assessments and Taxation;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) one representative of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of  
2 the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;

3 (7) one representative from the field of alternative dispute resolution,  
4 appointed by the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals;

5 (8) two representatives of an association for appraisers, appointed by the  
6 Governor;

7 (9) two representatives of the banking industry.

8 (i) one appointed by the President of the Senate; and

9 (ii) one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10 (10) the following members appointed by the President of the Senate:

11 (i) one representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;

12 (ii) one member of the Maryland Building Industry Association; and

13 (iii) four representatives of the general public with a primary  
14 residence in Prince George's County; and

15 (11) the following members appointed by the Speaker of the House:

16 (i) one representative from the Maryland Municipal League;

17 (ii) one member of the Maryland Association of Realtors; and

18 (iii) four representatives of the general public with a primary  
19 residence in Prince George's County.

20 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect from among the members the chair  
21 of the Task Force.

22 (d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff  
23 for the Task Force.

24 (e) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
27 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall address the persistent misvaluation and undervaluation  
2 of property owned by minorities by:

3 (1) studying strategies and actions that will:

4 (i) help ensure that governmental oversight and industry standards  
5 and practices further valuation equity;

6 (ii) increase training of appraisers to combat valuation bias;

7 (iii) remove barriers to entry into the appraisal profession by  
8 minorities;

9 (iv) assist in the development of a model for a meaningful  
10 reconsideration of value process; and

11 (v) reduce or eliminate bias related to automated valuation models  
12 and alternative property valuation methods; and

13 (2) identify legislative or other policy recommendations that will provide a  
14 comprehensive and coordinated approach for reducing bias in valuations, through  
15 enforcement, compliance, or other methods.

16 (g) On or before October 31, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State  
18 Government Article, the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June  
21 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be  
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.