

HOUSE BILL 577

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Task Force to Study the Maryland–National**
3 **Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County**

4 **PG/MC 108–10**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Maryland–National
6 Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County; providing
7 for the membership, appointment, responsibilities, and staffing of the Task
8 Force; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to certain persons by
9 certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
10 the Task Force to Study the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning
11 Commission in Prince George's County.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) "Commission" means the Maryland–National Capital Park and
16 Planning Commission.

17 (3) "County" means Prince George's County.

18 (4) "Task Force" means the Task Force to Study the
19 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's
20 County.

21 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Maryland–National Capital Park and
22 Planning Commission in Prince George's County.

23 (c) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) two members of the Maryland House of Delegates
2 representing the county, at least one of whom represents a municipality, appointed by
3 the Chair of the Prince George's County Delegation;

4 (ii) two members of the Senate of Maryland representing the
5 county, at least one of whom represents a municipality, appointed by the Chair of the
6 Prince George's County Senators;

7 (iii) the County Executive of Prince George's County, or the
8 County Executive's designee;

9 (iv) two members of the Prince George's County Council, at least
10 one of whom represents a municipality, appointed by the Chair of the Prince George's
11 County Council;

12 (v) the Director of the Prince George's County Department of
13 Environmental Resources, or the Director's designee;

14 (vi) two members of the Prince George's County Municipal
15 Association, appointed by the president of the Association;

16 (vii) two members of the Large City Forum of the Maryland
17 Municipal League from the county, appointed by the president of the League;

18 (viii) two members of the Maryland–National Capital Building
19 Industry Association, appointed by the president of the Association; and

20 (ix) one member of the public, appointed by the Governor.

21 (2) The member appointed by the Governor shall be the Chair of the
22 Task Force.

23 (3) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

28 (d) The Task Force shall:

29 (1) review the structure of the Commission as it pertains to the
30 county;

1 (2) survey park and recreational programs and facilities offered by the
2 Commission and by municipalities in the county and recommend whether any changes
3 to the Commission would be appropriate as a result of that survey;

4 (3) survey municipal land use authority and practices in a
5 representative sample of municipalities throughout the State;

6 (4) survey statutory authority and practices of county planning
7 departments throughout the State;

8 (5) survey statutory authority and practices of county park and
9 recreation departments throughout the State; and

10 (6) recommend any appropriate statutory revisions and administrative
11 or other changes concerning the Commission in the county based on its reviews and
12 surveys.

13 (e) (1) The Institute for Governmental Service and Research of the
14 University of Maryland shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

15 (2) The expenses of the Institute in providing staff support under this
16 Act shall be borne by the Commission.

17 (f) The Task Force shall submit to the Governor, the County Executive of
18 Prince George's County, the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's
19 County Municipal Association, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
20 Government Article, the Prince George's County Senators and the Prince George's
21 County Delegation of the House of Delegates:

22 (1) on or before October 1, 2010, a preliminary report of its
23 proceedings, with any appropriate findings and recommendations; and

24 (2) on or before October 1, 2011, a final report of its findings and
25 recommendations.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 June 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May
28 31, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.