

SENATE BILL 267

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Prohibiting Debris From Entering Storm Drains or Stormwater**
3 **Inlets**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Prohibiting Debris From Entering
5 Storm Drains or Stormwater Inlets; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing
6 of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
7 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the
8 Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters;
9 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure;
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on
12 Prohibiting Debris From Entering Storm Drains or Stormwater Inlets.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force on Prohibiting Debris From Entering Storm Drains or
16 Stormwater Inlets.

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

18 (1) one representative of the Department of the Environment, designated
19 by the Secretary of the Environment;

20 (2) one representative of the Department of Natural Resources, designated
21 by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

22 (3) one representative of the State Highway Administration, designated by
23 the Administrator of the Administration; and

24 (4) one representative from each of the following organizations:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;

2 (ii) Waterkeepers Chesapeake; and

3 (iii) the Maryland Watermen's Association.

4 (c) The Secretary of the Environment shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

5 (d) The Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources,
6 and the State Highway Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

11 (f) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) study methods of preventing plastic bottles and other debris from
13 entering storm drains and stormwater inlets and washing into the Chesapeake Bay and its
14 tributaries through stormwater runoff;

15 (2) study the feasibility of incorporating grates in all storm drains and
16 stormwater inlets to prevent debris from entering the drains and inlets during a rain event;

17 (3) study the costs associated with preventing plastic bottles and other
18 debris from entering storm drains and stormwater inlets;

19 (4) study potential sources of funding to implement measures that will
20 prevent plastic bottles and other debris from entering storm drains and stormwater inlets;

21 (5) study the potential for the creation of pilot programs to prevent plastic
22 bottles and other debris from entering storm drains and stormwater inlets; and

23 (6) make recommendations regarding the prevention of plastic bottles and
24 other debris from entering storm drains and stormwater inlets.

25 (g) On or before November 1, 2019, the Task Force shall report its findings and
26 recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
27 Government Article.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
29 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
30 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to

1 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
2 enacted. It shall remain effective through November 1, 2019, and, at the end of November
3 1, 2019, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.