

HOUSE BILL 303

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Point–of–Care Testing for Lead Poisoning**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Point–of–Care Testing for
4 Lead Poisoning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the
8 use of and reimbursement for point–of–care testing to screen and identify
9 children with elevated blood–lead levels; requiring the Task Force to report its
10 findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain legislative
11 committees on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;
12 and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Point–of–Care Testing for
13 Lead Poisoning.

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

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Point–of–Care Testing for Lead Poisoning.

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

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one representative of the Laboratories Administration and one
2 representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program of the Department of
3 Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental
4 Hygiene; and

5 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American
7 Academy of Pediatrics;

8 (ii) one representative of the Laboratory Advisory Committee;

9 (iii) one representative of a Medicaid managed care organization;

10 (iv) two public health experts; and

11 (v) one representative of the Coalition to End Childhood Lead
12 Poisoning.

13 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

14 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
15 Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

20 (f) The Task Force shall:

21 (1) study and make recommendations regarding the use of and
22 reimbursement for point-of-care testing to screen and identify children with elevated
23 blood-lead levels; and

24 (2) include in its study:

25 (i) the benefits of point-of-care testing waived under the
26 federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments;

27 (ii) the use of point-of-care testing in other states;

28 (iii) barriers to point-of-care testing, including regulatory
29 barriers related to licensing of medical laboratories;

1 (iv) appropriate reimbursement for point-of-care testing and
2 reporting; and

3 (v) any other items the Task Force considers important.

4 (g) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall report its findings and
5 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
6 Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and House Health and
7 Government Operations Committee.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2013. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
10 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.