

SB0573/318373/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 573
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Task Force to Study the Impact of Hauling Grain, Poultry, and Dairy on State Highways”; strike beginning with “exempting” in line 3 down through “changes;” in line 8 and substitute “establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Hauling Grain, Poultry, and Dairy on State Highways; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;”; in line 9, strike “gross weight and axle load for certain poultry carriers” and substitute “the Task Force to Study the Impact of Hauling Grain, Poultry, and Dairy on State Highways”; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive; and in line 16, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Hauling Grain, Poultry, and Dairy on State Highways.

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

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

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(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) one representative of the Department of State Police, appointed by the Secretary of State Police;

(4) one representative of the State Highway Administration, appointed by the State Highway Administrator;

(5) one representative of the Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture;

(6) one representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau, appointed by the Maryland Farm Bureau;

(7) one representative of the grain industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture;

(8) one representative of the poultry industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture;

(9) one representative of the dairy industry, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(10) one representative of the trucking industry, appointed by the State Highway Administrator.

(c) The representative of the State Highway Administration shall chair the Task Force.

(d) The State Highway Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

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(e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

(f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the impact of short and long distance truck hauling of grain, poultry, and dairy on State highways, including:

(1) safety impacts;

(2) infrastructure needs; and

(3) costs associated with short and long distance truck hauling of grain, poultry, and dairy that the State Highway Administration incurs or would incur.

(g) On or before December 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 1 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 9 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 11, strike “October” and substitute “June”; and in the same line, after “2016.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.