

SENATE BILL 1047

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by **Senator Lee**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of
4 Domestic Violence; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
7 study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task
8 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
10 generally relating to the Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of
11 Domestic Violence.

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

13 That:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic
2 Violence.

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

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

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

8 (3) the Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (4) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (5) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (6) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; ~~and~~

12 (7) the State Archivist, or the State Archivist's designee;

13 (8) the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, or
14 the Director's designee; and

15 (9) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

16 (i) one representative of the Maryland Realtors Association;

17 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Bankers Association;

18 (iii) one representative of the Maryland State Bar Association; ~~and~~

19 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Land Title Association;

20 (v) one representative of the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks'
21 Association; ~~and~~

22 (vi) one representative of an organization that advocates for victims
23 of domestic violence;

24 (vii) one representative of the Maryland Associations of Counties; and

25 (viii) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League.

26 (c) The Secretary of State shall be the chair of the Task Force.

27 (d) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide staff for the Task Force.

1 (e) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

5 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding how to
6 protect the identity and address of a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program
7 for victims of domestic violence in the Office of the Secretary of State when recording a deed
8 transferring real property to or from a Program participant.

9 (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force shall report its findings and
10 recommendations the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
11 Article, the General Assembly.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of
14 December 31, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
15 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.