

HOUSE BILL 1814

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By: **Delegate Jalisi**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force and Pilot Program to Study the Integration of Unmanned Aircraft**
3 **Systems Within State and Local Government Public Safety Operations**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Integration of Unmanned
5 Aircraft Systems Within State and Local Government Public Safety Operations;
6 providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
7 member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
8 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain
9 matters, establish a certain pilot program, and make recommendations regarding
10 certain matters; providing certain requirements for the pilot program; requiring the
11 Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for certain
12 fiscal years; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to
13 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
14 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the
15 Integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Within State and Local Government
16 Public Safety Operations.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Public Safety

19 Section 1–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Task Force to Study the
20 Integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Within State and Local
21 Government Public Safety Operations”

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article – Public Safety**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 6. TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
2 **SYSTEMS WITHIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY**
3 **OPERATIONS.**

4 **1-601.**

5 **(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION OF UNMANNED**
6 **AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS WITHIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY**
7 **OPERATIONS.**

8 **(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

9 **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE**
10 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

11 **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE**
12 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

13 **(3) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**
14 **SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

15 **(4) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, OR THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S**
16 **DESIGNEE; AND**

17 **(5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE A. JAMES CLARK SCHOOL OF**
18 **ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, APPOINTED BY**
19 **THE GOVERNOR.**

20 **(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.**

21 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**
22 **SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.**

23 **(E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:**

24 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK**
25 **FORCE; BUT**

26 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
27 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

28 **(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:**

1 **(1) IDENTIFY THE MOST FEASIBLE AND READILY AVAILABLE WAYS TO**
2 **INTEGRATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY WITHIN LOCAL AND**
3 **STATE GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS RELATING TO:**

4 **(I) ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION;**

5 **(II) CRIME SCENE DOCUMENTATION;**

6 **(III) EMERGENCIES INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY LOSS**
7 **OR POTENTIAL FOR INJURY OR DEATH;**

8 **(IV) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT;**

9 **(V) FIRE FIGHTING; AND**

10 **(VI) SEARCH AND RESCUE;**

11 **(2) FOR EACH APPLICATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS THAT**
12 **THE STUDY IDENTIFIES, INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVACY CONCERNS, COSTS,**
13 **AND TIMELINESS OF DEPLOYMENT;**

14 **(3) DESIGN AND OPERATE AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM PILOT**
15 **PROGRAM TO INTEGRATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS WITHIN STATE AND**
16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS THAT RELATE TO PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS;**
17 **AND**

18 **(4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW BEST TO INTEGRATE**
19 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY WITHIN LOCAL AND STATE**
20 **GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS.**

21 **(G) (1) AS PART OF THE PILOT PROGRAM OPERATED UNDER SUBSECTION**
22 **(F)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEPLOY AT LEAST ONE TEAM OF**
23 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM OPERATORS TO A REGION WITHIN THE STATE THAT**
24 **HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AS A FIRE HAZARD.**

25 **(2) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL TRAIN THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
26 **SYSTEM OPERATORS TO OPERATE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN VARIOUS**
27 **CONTEXTS RELATING TO THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (F)(1) OF THIS**
28 **SECTION.**

29 **(3) IN OPERATING THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT**
30 **INTERFERE WITH AN ACTIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORT UNLESS GRANTED**
31 **PERMISSION TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORT BY A SUPERVISING AGENCY WITH THE**

1 **AUTHORITY TO GRANT THE PERMISSION.**

2 **(4) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM OPERATORS MAY BE**
3 **COMPENSATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**
4 **SERVICES DURING TRAINING AND IN SUPPORT OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 **(5) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, EACH YEAR THE GOVERNOR**
6 **SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST**
7 **\$350,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**
8 **TO PROVIDE RESEARCH, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING IN SUPPORT OF THE PILOT**
9 **PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.**

10 **(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT**
11 **ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE**
12 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,
15 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
16 of no further force and effect.