

# HOUSE BILL 108

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs – Energy**  
3 **Performance Targets and Low-Income Housing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to include certain information  
5 on the low-income EmPOWER programs in a certain annual report to the General  
6 Assembly; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to  
7 procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation  
8 programs and services designed to achieve a certain target annual incremental gross  
9 energy savings starting in a certain year; requiring certain contractors used for the  
10 programs under this Act to meet certain job requirements; requiring the Commission  
11 to update the weather-normalized gross retail sales against which savings are  
12 measured for certain plans; requiring the target annual incremental gross energy  
13 savings to be achieved based on an average of certain Department plans; requiring  
14 the Department, on or before a certain date, to submit a plan to the Commission for  
15 achieving the electricity savings and demand reduction target; requiring the  
16 Department to develop a plan to coordinate and leverage funding sources to support  
17 certain energy efficiency and other home upgrades and a plan to provide energy  
18 efficiency retrofits to all low-income households by a certain date; establishing the  
19 Green and Healthy Task Force to analyze and advance the coordination of resources  
20 to address the housing needs of low-income communities; and generally relating to  
21 energy performance targets and low-income housing.

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article – Public Utilities  
24 Section 7-211(k)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

27 BY adding to  
28 Article – Public Utilities

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 7–211.1 and 7–211.2  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Public Utilities**

7 7–211.

8 (k) On or before May 1 of each year, the Commission, in consultation with the  
9 Maryland Energy Administration, shall report, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government  
10 Article, to the General Assembly on:

11 (1) the status of programs and services to encourage and promote the  
12 efficient use and conservation of energy, including an evaluation of the impact of the  
13 programs and services that are directed to low-income communities, low- to  
14 moderate-income communities to the extent possible, and other particular classes of  
15 ratepayers;

16 (2) a recommendation for the appropriate funding level to adequately fund  
17 these programs and services; [and]

18 **(3) FOR THE LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS UNDER § 7–211.1 OF THIS**  
19 **SUBTITLE, INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY**  
20 **DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES TO THE COMMISSION UNDER §**  
21 **7–211.1(H) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

22 **[(3)] (4)** in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the per capita  
23 electricity consumption and the peak demand for the previous calendar year.

24 **7–211.1.**

25 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
26 **INDICATED.**

27 **(2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND**  
28 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

29 **(3) “LOW-INCOME PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS**  
30 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES TO REDUCE UTILITY**  
31 **EXPENSES FOR BUILDING OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND TENANTS IN HOUSING WITH**  
32 **RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT’S LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE**  
33 **PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:**

1 (I) THE EMPOWER MARYLAND PROGRAM;

2 (II) THE MULTIFAMILY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND HOUSING  
3 AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM; AND

4 (III) THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5 (4) “LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL” MEANS A COMMUNITY, BUILDING,  
6 OR HOUSEHOLD WITH RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT’S  
7 LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.

8 (5) “TASK FORCE” MEANS THE GREEN AND HEALTHY TASK FORCE  
9 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-211.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (B) (1) FOR THE 2022–2024 PROGRAM CYCLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11 PROCURE OR PROVIDE FOR ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
12 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

13 (2) (I) THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER  
14 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE TARGET  
15 ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS OF AT LEAST 0.4% PER YEAR  
16 STARTING IN 2023.

17 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE THE SAVINGS ACHIEVED  
18 THROUGH ALL FUNDING SOURCES TOWARD CALCULATING THE TARGET ANNUAL  
19 INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS, IF THE FUNDING SOURCES MEET THE  
20 STANDARDS OF PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH:

21 1. THE EMPOWER SURCHARGE; OR

22 2. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

23 (3) (I) THE ENERGY SAVINGS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
24 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CALCULATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 2019  
25 WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL RETAIL SALES FOR ALL  
26 ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

27 (II) THE 2019 WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS LOW-INCOME  
28 RESIDENTIAL RETAIL SALES FOR ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES SHALL BE  
29 DETERMINED BY MULTIPLYING THE AVERAGE 2019 RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD  
30 ELECTRICITY USAGE FOR ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES BY THE NUMBER OF  
31 HOUSEHOLDS:

1                   1.     WITH INCOMES BELOW 250% OF THE FEDERAL  
2 POVERTY LEVEL AS DETERMINED BY THE FEDERAL CENSUS; OR

3                   2.     THAT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA APPROVED BY  
4 THE COMMISSION FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.

5                   (4)    FOR WEATHERIZATION OF LEASED OR RENTED RESIDENCES, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT:

7                   (I)    THE BENEFITS OF WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE,  
8 INCLUDING UTILITY BILL REDUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE  
9 HOUSING STOCK, ACCRUE PRIMARILY TO LOW-INCOME TENANTS OCCUPYING A  
10 LEASED OR RENTED RESIDENCE; AND

11                  (II)   THE RENT ON THE RESIDENCE IS NOT INCREASED AND THE  
12 TENANT IS NOT EVICTED AS A RESULT OF WEATHERIZATION PROVIDED UNDER THIS  
13 SECTION.

14                  (5)    (I)    SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE  
15 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
16 MAY NOT USE THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS,  
17 INCLUDING WALLS, FLOORS, CEILINGS, ATTICS, AND ROOF INSULATION, THAT  
18 CONTAIN:

19                   1.     FORMALDEHYDE; OR

20                   2.     ANY SUBSTANCE THAT IS A CATEGORY 1  
21 RESPIRATORY SENSITIZER AS DEFINED IN 29 C.F.R. PART 1910 (APPENDIX A).

22                  (II)   THERMAL INSULATING MATERIALS FOR BUILDING  
23 ELEMENTS MAY NOT CONTAIN A SUBSTANCE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
24 PARAGRAPH IF THE SUBSTANCE:

25                   1.     WAS INTENTIONALLY ADDED; OR

26                   2.     IS PRESENT IN THE PRODUCT AT GREATER THAN 0.1%  
27 BY WEIGHT.

28                  (6)    (I)    THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO  
29 CONTRACTORS THAT ARE MINORITY-OWNED, WOMEN-OWNED, OR  
30 VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE FOR PROCUREMENT PROCESSES  
31 RELATED TO EMPOWER PROGRAMS.

1 (II) THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVED CONTRACTORS USED FOR  
2 THE PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING JOB  
3 REQUIREMENTS:

4 1. PAY AT LEAST 150% OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE;

5 2. PROVIDE CAREER ADVANCEMENT TRAINING;

6 3. AFFORD EMPLOYEES THE RIGHT TO BARGAIN  
7 COLLECTIVELY FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS;

8 4. PROVIDE PAID LEAVE;

9 5. BE CONSIDERED COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR  
10 PURPOSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE  
11 8 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;

12 6. ENTITLE THE EMPLOYEE TO WORKERS'  
13 COMPENSATION BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 9 OF THE LABOR AND  
14 EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;

15 7. BE COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE WAGE AND  
16 HOUR LAWS FOR THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS;

17 8. OFFER EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE  
18 BENEFITS WITH MONTHLY PREMIUMS THAT DO NOT EXCEED 8.5% OF THE  
19 EMPLOYEE'S NET MONTHLY EARNINGS; AND

20 9. OFFER RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

21 (C) THE WEATHER-NORMALIZED GROSS RETAIL SALES AGAINST WHICH  
22 THE SAVINGS ARE MEASURED SHALL:

23 (1) REFLECT SALES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOW-INCOME  
24 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CLASS SERVED BY PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE  
25 DEPARTMENT; AND

26 (2) BE UPDATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR EACH PLAN SUBMITTED  
27 UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

28 (D) THE TARGET ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS SHALL BE  
29 ACHIEVED BASED ON THE 3-YEAR AVERAGE OF DEPARTMENT PLANS SUBMITTED IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE COMMISSION THAT DETAILS PROPOSALS FOR ACHIEVING  
4 THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER SUBSECTION  
5 (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE 2 SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS.

6 (2) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

7 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
8 AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

9 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STEPS PROPOSED TO ENSURE  
10 INSULATION MATERIALS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF  
11 THIS SECTION;

12 (III) ANTICIPATED COSTS;

13 (IV) PROJECTED ELECTRICITY SAVINGS;

14 (V) A PROPOSED AVERAGE LIFETIME MEASURE THRESHOLD  
15 THAT ENCOURAGES THE DELIVERY OF INSULATION AND WEATHERIZATION  
16 MEASURES, DEVELOPED THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; AND

17 (VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION  
18 REQUESTS.

19 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN  
20 UPDATE EVERY 6 MONTHS ON PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS TOWARD  
21 ACHIEVING THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER  
22 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (4) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW A PLAN TO DETERMINE  
24 WHETHER THE PLAN IS ADEQUATE FOR ACHIEVING THE TARGET.

25 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH  
26 ANY PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR  
27 ACHIEVING THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS AND DEMAND REDUCTION TARGET UNDER  
28 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING SECURING COOPERATION FROM  
29 ELECTRIC COMPANIES RELATED TO:

30 (1) FUNDING;

1           **(2) COMMUNICATIONS;**

2           **(3) REFERRALS;**

3           **(4) DATA SHARING; AND**

4           **(5) ANY OTHER COOPERATION THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES**  
5 **IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE ELECTRICITY SAVINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF**  
6 **THIS SECTION.**

7           **(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO COORDINATE**  
8 **FUNDING SOURCES AND LEVERAGE THE GREATEST FUNDING POSSIBLE TO**  
9 **SUPPORT:**

10                   **(I) HEALTH AND SAFETY UPGRADES;**

11                   **(II) WEATHERIZATION;**

12                   **(III) ENERGY EFFICIENCY; AND**

13                   **(IV) OTHER GENERAL MAINTENANCE FOR LOW-INCOME**  
14 **HOUSING.**

15           **(2) THE PLAN SHALL COORDINATE FUNDING AMONG:**

16                   **(I) THE STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND;**

17                   **(II) FEDERAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;**

18                   **(III) RATEPAYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

19                           **1. THE EMPOWER MARYLAND LIMITED INCOME**  
20 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM; AND**

21                           **2. THE MULTIFAMILY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND**  
22 **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM;**

23                   **(IV) THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND;**

24                   **(V) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN**  
25 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:**

26                           **1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS;**

1                                    2.    THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANTS  
2 PROGRAM; AND

3                                    3.    LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES  
4 GRANTS;

5                                    (VI) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS,  
6 INCLUDING THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM;

7                                    (VII) THE HEALTHY HOMES FOR HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM;

8                                    (VIII) THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK  
9 GRANT PROGRAM;

10                                  (IX) STATE APPROPRIATIONS; AND

11                                  (X) ANY OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
12 OR THE TASK FORCE IDENTIFIES.

13                                  (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE MEMBERS OF  
14 THE TASK FORCE AND IDENTIFY OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP  
15 THE PLAN.

16                                  (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
17 SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE  
18 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

19                                  (H) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION EACH  
20 YEAR ON:

21                                  (I) FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ENERGY  
22 EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION, DISAGGREGATED BY FUEL SOURCE AND  
23 FUNDING SOURCE OR DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EFFORTS:

24                                    1.    THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED; AND

25                                    2.    THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY SAVINGS; AND

26                                  (II) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
27 RECEIVES, AND IS PROJECTED TO RECEIVE, FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
28 WEATHERIZATION FROM THE FUNDING SOURCES UNDER THIS SECTION.



1           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SATISFY THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**  
2 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION BY INCLUDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN THE**  
3 **6-MONTH STATUS REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION.**

4           **(I) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IF THE**  
5 **EMPOWER MARYLAND PROGRAM IS EXTENDED BEYOND 2023, THE TARGET**  
6 **ANNUAL INCREMENTAL GROSS ENERGY SAVINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
7 **SECTION SHALL INCREASE TO:**

8                   **(1) 0.53% IN 2024;**

9                   **(2) 0.72% IN 2025; AND**

10                   **(3) 1% IN 2026.**

11           **(J) THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, AND**  
12 **OTHER STATE AGENCIES SHALL APPLY FOR ALL FEDERAL FUNDING THAT MAY**  
13 **BECOME AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

14           **(K) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE MEMBERS OF**  
15 **THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN, INCLUDING A BUDGET, A TIMELINE, AND**  
16 **POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES, TO PROVIDE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITS TO**  
17 **ALL LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS BY 2030.**

18                   **(2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TASK FORCE,**  
19 **SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
20 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022.**

21 **7-211.2.**

22                   **(A) THERE IS A GREEN AND HEALTHY TASK FORCE.**

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

24                           **(1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**  
25 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

26                           **(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**  
27 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

28                           **(3) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**  
29 **OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

1           **(4) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**  
2 **DESIGNEE;**

3           **(5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION,**  
4 **OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

5           **(6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL;**  
6 **AND**

7           **(7) AS APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE:**

8                   **(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE**  
9 **HOUSING TRUST;**

10                   **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREEN AND HEALTHY**  
11 **HOMES INITIATIVE;**

12                   **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MARYLAND ENERGY**  
13 **EFFICIENCY ADVOCATES;**

14                   **(IV) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN EXPERT IN PUBLIC HEALTH;**

15                   **(V) ONE MEMBER FROM A COMMUNITY CONCERNED WITH**  
16 **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE;**

17                   **(VI) ONE MEMBER WHO OWNS OR DEVELOPS AFFORDABLE**  
18 **HOUSING;**

19                   **(VII) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM A**  
20 **LOW-INCOME PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES; AND**

21                   **(VIII) OTHER MEMBERS AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR OF THE**  
22 **TASK FORCE.**

23           **(C) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR**  
24 **THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.**

25           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
26 **SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.**

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

28                   **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK**

1 **FORCE; BUT**

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

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

5 **(1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, MEET QUARTERLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3**  
6 **YEARS;**

7 **(2) ADVANCE THE ALIGNMENT, BRANDING, AND COORDINATION OF**  
8 **RESOURCES TO MORE EFFECTIVELY DELIVER GREEN AND HEALTHY HOUSING FOR**  
9 **LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE STATE;**

10 **(3) EXAMINE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES NEEDED TO**  
11 **ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES;**

12 **(4) DEVELOP POLICY AND STATUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS TO**  
13 **ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ACHIEVING HEALTHY,**  
14 **ENERGY-EFFICIENT, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND**

15 **(5) ENGAGE WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND COLLABORATE WITH**  
16 **OTHER ENTITIES THAT CAN HELP ADVANCE THE GOALS OF THE TASK FORCE,**  
17 **INCLUDING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHY AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOUSING.**

18 **(G) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE**  
19 **TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**  
20 **SECRETARY OF HEALTH, THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE**  
21 **COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
22 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
24 **1, 2022.**