

(vii) One expert in human reactions to artificial light; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of General Services shall coordinate with other State agencies, including the University of Maryland, to provide professional and administrative support to the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member of the Task Force:

- (1) May not receive compensation; but
- (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

- (1) Estimate the potential fiscal and energy costs and savings, including the potential impact on the State budget and the budgets of county and municipal jurisdictions in the State, associated with the adoption of lighting practices that minimize inefficient lighting, light pollution, and energy waste while meeting important illumination and safety lighting requirements; and
- (2) Study and document the benefits of lighting to the public, including those who use Maryland's highways, airways, and other travelways, and the consequences of light pollution in Maryland, including its impact on driving safety, general community safety, birds and other nocturnal fauna, astronomical research observation, the natural beauty of the night sky, and any other consequences the Task Force determines are appropriate for its attention;
- (3) Survey and document the technology and standards currently available to minimize light pollution; and
- (4) Prepare recommendations for public and private action to enhance lighting efficiency and minimize light pollution in Maryland, including, but not limited to, appropriate standards or policies for consideration by appropriate State agencies, counties, or municipal corporations in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before October 15, 2001, and shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before February 1, 2002; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 18, 2001.