



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5598**

LCO No. 1537

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY  
MICROENTERPRISES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study incentives for developing microenterprises. The task force  
3 shall develop a definition of microenterprise and examine issues  
4 relevant to the promotion of microenterprises, including, but not  
5 limited to, insurance, taxation, unemployment, small business  
6 development, shared procurement of goods and services,  
7 establishment of a microenterprise economic cluster and financing of  
8 microenterprises through the Office of Small Business Affairs or other  
9 appropriate organizations.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
12 one of whom shall operate a microenterprise and one of whom shall  
13 represent an organization providing small business loans;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

15 of whom shall represent the general public and one the insurance  
16 industry;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives, who shall represent an organization providing  
19 business planning and development assistance to microenterprises or  
20 small businesses;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall  
22 represent a lending institution;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives, who shall be involved in community economic  
25 development;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
27 involved in workforce development at a community technical college;

28 (7) The Commissioners of Economic and Community Development,  
29 Social Services and Revenue Services, or the commissioners' designees;  
30 and

31 (8) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
34 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
35 member of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
41 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
42 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no

43 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
46 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2003, the task force shall submit a  
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
50 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
51 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
52 that it submits such report or January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study microenterprises.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*