



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE ON ANIMAL CRUELTY.***

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 the offenses concerning cruelty to animals, as set forth in  
3 chapter 945 of the general statutes. The task force shall recommend any  
4 legislative revisions to said chapter that it deems appropriate.

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

6 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
9 Representatives;

10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

14 (7) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's  
15 designee; and

16 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

17 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
18 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
19 of the General Assembly.

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

23 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
24 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
25 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
26 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
27 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

28 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
30 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

31 (g) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a  
32 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of  
35 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
36 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2009, whichever is  
37 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To create a task force to study the current offenses of cruelty to animals.

*[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.]*