SENATE BILL 353

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By: Senator Simonaire

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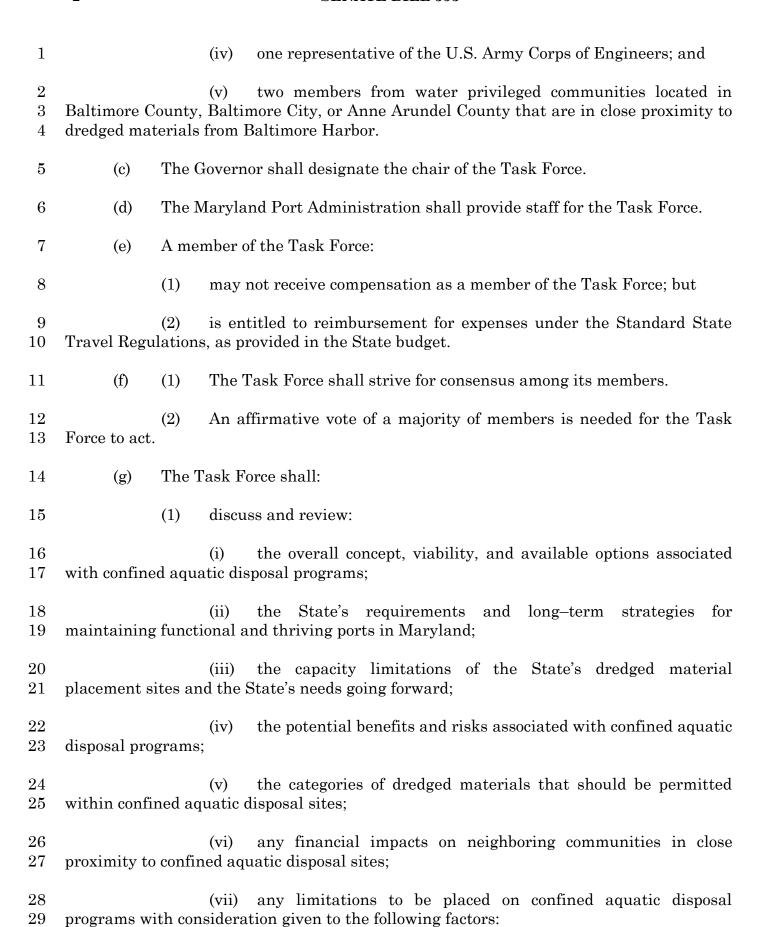
Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force

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3 4	FOR the purpose of establishing the Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force; and generally relating to the Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force.				
5 6	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:				
7	(a)	There	e is a C	confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force.	
8	(b)	The T	Task Fo	orce consists of the following members:	
9 10	the Senate;	(1)	one n	nember of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of	
11 12	House;	(2)	one n	nember of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the	
13		(3)	the S	ecretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;	
14 15	(4) the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration, or the Executive Director's designee; and				
16		(5)	the fo	ollowing members, appointed by the Governor:	
17 18	programs;		(i)	one member who is an expert on confined aquatic disposal	
19			(ii)	one representative of a sports fishing organization;	
20			(iii)	one representative of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation;	





$\frac{1}{2}$	1. the location of confined aquatic disposal sites, including the selection of industrial versus residential areas and distance from shore;				
3	2. the size of confined aquatic disposal sites;				
4	3. noise levels associated with confined aquatic disposal;				
5 6	4. times of day when dredged material may be added to confined aquatic disposal sites;				
7	5. environmental impacts; and				
8	6. any other factors the Task Force deems necessary; and				
9 10	(viii) an approach for community outreach for any future confined aquatic disposal program;				
11 12 13	(2) make a recommendation on whether the Maryland Port Authority should pursue the development of a confined aquatic disposal program or prohibit its use in the State; and				
14 15 16	(3) if the Task Force recommends developing a confined aquatic disposal program, develop a list of best practices and legislative or other policy recommendations regarding the authorization or implementation of the program, including:				
17	(i) selecting locations for confined aquatic disposal sites;				
18	(ii) the size of confined aquatic disposal sites;				
19	(iii) specifications on allowable dredged materials;				
20 21	(iv) the consideration of impacts to neighboring communities, habitat, and the environment;				
22	(v) outreach programs; and				
23	(vi) any other subjects the Task Force deems necessary.				
24 25 26 27	(h) On or before July 1, 2025, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the House Environment and Transportation Committee, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.				
28	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July				

1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of

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- 1 December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
- $2\quad$ be abrogated and of no further force and effect.