



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 979**

LCO No. 3612



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THIS STATE AND INSURANCE IN THIS STATE.***

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 current and anticipated future impact of climate change  
3 on this state. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
4 current and anticipated future impact of climate change on this state,  
5 the residents of this state, municipalities in this state, the insurance  
6 industry in this state and the cost and availability of insurance in this  
7 state.

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

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
10 one of whom has expertise in insurance and one of whom has  
11 expertise in environmental science;

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

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

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

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;

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

19 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

20 (8) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
21 the commissioner's designee; and

22 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

23 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
24 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
25 of the General Assembly.

26 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
27 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
28 filled by the appointing authority.

29 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
30 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
31 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
32 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
33 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

34 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
36 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

37 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a  
38 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
40 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-

41 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
42 that it submits such report or January 1, 2020, whichever is 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 establish a task force to study the impact of climate change on this state and insurance in this state.

*[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.]*