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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 72
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Income Tax – Credit for Pet-Friendly Rental Dwelling Units**” and substitute “**Task Force on Financial Incentives for Pet-Friendly Housing**”; and strike beginning with “allowing” in line 3 down through “units” in line 8 and substitute “establishing the Task Force on Financial Incentives for Pet-Friendly Housing to study certain matters and make recommendations on how to financially incentivize the expansion of pet-friendly housing; and generally relating to the Task Force on Financial Incentives for Pet-Friendly Housing”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 1 through line 7 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) There is a Task Force on Financial Incentives for Pet-Friendly Housing.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of a county or municipal animal shelter or animal control organization;

(ii) one representative of a nongovernmental animal shelter or rescue that provides services to individuals in the community;

(iii) two representatives of organizations that engage in advocacy on animal-related issues;

(iv) two representatives of organizations that represent landlords in Maryland; and

(v) two representatives of organizations that represent realtors in Maryland.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study matters relating to pet-friendly housing, including:

(i) financial incentives that have potential to influence rental housing owners to create more pet-friendly housing;

(ii) insurance or liability structures that place burdens on the ability of landlords to offer pet-friendly housing; and

(3) barriers on varied sizes and breeds that prohibit landlords from allowing pets; and

(2) make recommendations on how to financially incentivize the expansion of pet-friendly housing.

(g) On or before November 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.