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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE USE
AND OPERATION OF LOW SPEED VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section, "Low
2 speed vehicle" includes, but is not limited to, any motorized scooter
3 powered by any means, moped, go-ped, bicycle with a helper motor,
4 golf cart, modified golf cart or other vehicle without an enclosed
5 compartment for the driver that is designed for operation on a paved
6 surface.

7 (b) There is established a task force to study the use, operation and
8 registration of low speed vehicles. The task force shall study the
9 manner and locations in which such vehicles may be operated and the
10 feasibility of issuing motor vehicle registrations to such vehicles for
11 highway operation. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (1)
12 the classification of such vehicles; (2) the safety equipment, engine
13 displacement and other characteristics of such vehicles; (3) the existing
14 statutory and regulatory requirements that pertain to such vehicles
15 including the licensing of operators of such vehicles; (4) the safety
16 factors involved for operators, passengers, pedestrians and other

17 vehicles with respect to highway operation and off-road operation of
18 such vehicles; and (5) any other matters related to the establishment of
19 standards for the lawful operation of such vehicles.

20 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
21 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee; (2)
22 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's designee; (3)
23 the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee;
24 (4) a representative of the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association,
25 appointed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (5) a municipal
26 police officer and a representative of a state police trooper
27 organization; (6) one or two automotive engineers, or other persons
28 with expertise in motor vehicle design and equipment, appointed by
29 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (7) a representative of a driving
30 safety organization, appointed by the Commissioner of Motor
31 Vehicles; and (8) a representative of the insurance industry, appointed
32 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
33 Commissioner of Insurance.

34 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
35 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
36 filled by the appointing authority. At its first meeting, the task force
37 shall elect the chairperson from among its members.

38 (e) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a
39 report on its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of
40 Motor Vehicles and the joint standing committee of the General
41 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in
42 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
43 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
44 January 1, 2006, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study regulation of low speed motorized vehicles.

[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.]