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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 1, 2006,
2 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall convene the
3 initial meeting of the Alternative Air Quality Task Force established
4 under subsection (b) of this section. The task force shall review and, on
5 or before January 1, 2007, report its findings and recommendations, in
6 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
7 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
8 cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning
9 alternative air quality compliance methods to replace or modify
10 current motor vehicle emissions testing, including, but not limited to,
11 (1) remote motor vehicle emissions sampling; (2) higher efficiency and
12 lower emissions fleet replacement or retrofitting of state vehicles and
13 state assisted vehicle operations; (3) state tax incentives and other
14 assistance for higher efficiency and lower emissions commercial fleet,
15 other commercial use and personal use vehicle replacement or
16 retrofitting; (4) expansion of the availability and use of alternative

17 motor vehicle fuels; and (5) incentives to increase use of mass transit
18 alternatives. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits
19 such report or on January 1, 2007, whichever is later.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed as
21 follows: (1) Six members having professional, scientific experience or
22 knowledge in air quality measurement and compliance, one of whom
23 shall be appointed by the Governor, one by the Lieutenant Governor,
24 one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one by the
25 president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the minority leader of the
26 House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the Senate;
27 (2) two members having professional, scientific experience or
28 knowledge in alternative fuels, one of whom shall be appointed by the
29 majority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the
30 majority leader of the Senate; (3) the Commissioner of Environmental
31 Protection, or the commissioner's designee, who shall also chair the
32 task force; (4) the Commissioner of Economic and Community
33 Development, or the commissioner's designee; and (5) the
34 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee.

35 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
37 filled by the appointing authority.

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 and recommend clean air compliance alternative.

[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.]