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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING.

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 effects of the prohibition on the use of hand-held mobile
3 telephones and mobile electronic devices while driving. The task force
4 shall examine (1) the prevalence of the use of such telephones and
5 devices while driving, (2) the number of persons cited for a violation of
6 section 14-296aa of the general statutes, (3) the number and gravity of
7 motor vehicle accidents that result from such use, and (4) whether
8 current fines are sufficient to enforce the prohibition.

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

10 (1) Two representatives of a local police force appointed by the
11 speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) Two representatives of a mobile telephone or mobile electronic
13 device manufacturer appointed by the president pro tempore of the
14 Senate;

15 (3) One representative of an insurer that provides automobile
16 insurance appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (4) One representative of the public appointed by the majority
19 leader of the Senate;

20 (5) One representative of an automobile insurance trade group
21 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

22 (6) One member of a consumer interest group appointed by the
23 minority leader of the Senate;

24 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
25 designee; and

26 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
27 or the commissioner's designee.

28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
29 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
30 of the General Assembly.

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

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

39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
41 transportation shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

42 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a

43 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
44 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
45 relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section
46 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report may include
47 recommendations for improving enforcement of section 14-296aa of
48 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
49 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

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

TRA *Joint Favorable*