



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS TO COMBAT CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS AND A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATED TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Commissioner of
3 Motor Vehicles shall, individually or jointly, seek to enter into
4 agreements with the proper authorities of other states to develop a
5 regional approach to combating the theft of catalytic converters. Such
6 agreements may include, but need not be limited to, provisions
7 regarding the sharing of information among law enforcement units
8 and regulatory agencies, the coordination of law enforcement and
9 regulatory activities, the alignment of laws in the states participating in
10 such agreements to create a uniform approach to regulating the sale
11 and punishing the theft of catalytic converters and any other
12 provisions that may assist in combating catalytic converter thefts.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Emergency
14 Services and Public Protection and the Commissioner of Motor
15 Vehicles shall, individually or jointly, in accordance with the
16 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint
17 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
18 matters relating to public safety and security on the result of such

19 attempts to enter into agreements and any legislation needed to
20 implement such agreements.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
22 study the laws relating to catalytic converters in the state. The task
23 force shall evaluate the impact of the revisions made to such laws by
24 public act 22-43 and recommend additional revisions to deter catalytic
25 converter thefts.

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

27 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
28 one of whom is a municipal police chief;

29 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
30 of whom represents motor vehicle recyclers;

31 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
32 Representatives, who represents scrap metal processors;

33 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
34 represents junk dealers or junkyard owners or operators;

35 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
36 Representatives, who represents car dealers;

37 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
38 municipal police chief;

39 (7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
40 or the commissioner's designee;

41 (8) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
42 designee; and

43 (9) One person appointed by the Governor.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),

45 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
46 of the General Assembly.

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

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

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
57 safety and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
59 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
60 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
61 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
62 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
63 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024,
64 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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