



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 183 File No. 310 Cal. No. 451

(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
4 study and identify the causes and factors contributing to the decrease in
5 traffic stops and enforcement of motor vehicle violations in the state
6 since the year 2018, and the increase in traffic accidents, injuries and
7 fatalities during such time period. Such study shall include, but need
8 not be limited to, consideration of the following: (1) Whether the
9 existing driver's license training requirements should be revised to
10 require increased education regarding safe highway driving and
11 defensive driving strategies, (2) whether state law and regulations
12 governing the suspension and reinstatement of driver's license should
13 be amended to decrease traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities, (3) the
14 morale level among rank-and-file state police officers, (4) recent changes

15 to state law, (5) the public attitude toward police officers and the police
16 as an institution, and (6) any correlation or relationship between
17 decreased traffic enforcement and increased traffic accidents, injuries
18 and fatalities.

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

20 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
21 who is a member of the employee organization representing sworn state
22 police officers;

23 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
24 a member of the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project Advisory Board, or
25 a member of the staff assigned to such project;

26 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who is a member of the Connecticut Legislative Black
28 and Puerto Rican Caucus of the General Assembly;

29 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
30 member of the command staff of the Division of State Police within the
31 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

32 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
33 Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Police
34 Chiefs Association;

35 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
36 representative of the Police Officers Association of Connecticut;

37 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
38 designee;

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

41 (9) One appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of the
42 American Civil Liberties Union.

43 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
44 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
45 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

57 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report
58 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
59 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
60 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
61 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
62 submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section