



Substitute House Bill No. 6796

Special Act No. 23-20

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:

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

(b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, individually or jointly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

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relating to public safety and security on the result of such attempts to enter into agreements and any legislation needed to implement such agreements.

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

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

(1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who is a municipal police chief;

(2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who represents motor vehicle recyclers;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(9) One person appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

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

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