

STATE OF MAINE

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S.P. 103 - L.D. 203

Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

Sec. 1. Dealer display area and licensing working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study issues related to laws and rules regulating motor vehicle dealer display areas and licensing requirements.

1. Membership. The working group consists of 6 members, as follows:

- A. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
- B. The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- C. One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who is an expert in motor vehicle dealer license requirements;
- D. One member who is a representative of an association of new motor vehicle dealers;
- E. One member who is a representative of a business in the used motor vehicle industry; and
- F. One member who is a representative of a business that engages in the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet.

2. Compensation. Members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group.

3. Duties. Duties of the working group include:

- A. Reviewing the effectiveness of the current display area and dealer licensing requirements established in law and rule for motor vehicle dealers in providing customers with an opportunity to examine a motor vehicle prior to purchasing it;
- B. Reviewing recommendations from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators regarding the regulation of motor vehicle sales made over the Internet;

C. Examining relevant standards or systems developed by industry experts to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet, including, but not limited to, which standards or systems would be most effective for the State to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet and the impact that adopting such standards or systems could have on motor vehicle dealers licensed in the State; and

D. Developing recommendations to improve the State's laws regarding the requirements for motor vehicle dealer display areas in order to create a system that is more equitable for all of the different types of motor vehicle dealer businesses across the State.

4. Staff assistance. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, within existing resources.

5. Report. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide a report by January 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The joint standing committee may introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the recommendations in the report.