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Substitute House Bill No. 6796
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

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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 Emergency
2 Services and Public Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
3 shall, individually or jointly, seek to enter into agreements with the
4 proper authorities of other states to develop a regional approach to
5 combating the theft of catalytic converters. Such agreements may
6 include, but need not be limited to, provisions regarding the sharing of
7 information among law enforcement units and regulatory agencies, the
8 coordination of law enforcement and regulatory activities the alignment
9 of laws in the states participating in such agreements to create a uniform
10 approach to regulating the sale and punishing the theft of catalytic
11 converters and any other provisions that may assist in combating
12 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 Vehicles
15 shall, individually or jointly, in accordance with the provisions of
16 section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to public safety and security on the result of such attempts to
19 enter into agreements and any legislation needed to implement such
20 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 force
23 shall evaluate the impact of the revisions made to such laws by public
24 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) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
28 who is a municipal police chief;

29 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
30 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 shall
49 be filled by the appointing authority.

50 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
51 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
52 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
53 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
54 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 safety
57 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 report
59 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
60 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
61 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
62 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
63 submits such report or January 1, 2024, 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

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill (1) requires the Departments of Motor Vehicles and Emergency Services and Public Protection to seek to enter into agreements with the proper authorities of other states to develop a regional approach to combating the theft of catalytic converters and (2) creates a task force to study the laws relating to catalytic converters, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state as the agencies and the task force have the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" alters the number of people assigned to the task force resulting in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6796 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/16/2023)