

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5188

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5188.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5188 establishes the “Automotive Anti-Theft Systems Task Force” in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Under the bill, the purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations for manufacturers and dealers concerning motor vehicle design features and products meant to prevent theft of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts.

The bill provides that the task will consist of 15 members as follows:

- the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, serving ex officio, or their designees;
- two representatives of the Auto Theft Task Force in the Division of State Police selected by the Superintendent of State Police;
- one representative of each of the following organizations selected by that organization: the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program; the New Jersey Coalition of Automotive Retailers; the Alliance for Automotive Innovation; the New Jersey Gasoline-Convenience-Automotive Association; the AAA Clubs of New Jersey; the National Insurance Crime Bureau; and the Insurance Council of New Jersey; and
- four public members, appointed by the Governor, with experience in automotive manufacturing.

The bill requires the task force to submit a written report to the Governor and the Legislature detailing the task force's recommendations concerning improvements in motor vehicle theft prevention measures through motor vehicle design features and product availability. The report is required to include any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action that are necessary to effectuate the improvements.