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SYNOPSIS

Establishes "New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on January 17, 2019,
with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/1/2019)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION establishing the “New Jersey Advanced
2 Autonomous Vehicle Task Force.”

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is established a task force to be known as ¹the¹
8 “New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force.” The
9 purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a study of advanced
10 autonomous vehicles and to make recommendations on laws, rules,
11 and regulations that this State may enact ¹or adopt¹ to safely
12 integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on the State’s highways,
13 streets, and roads.

14 b. The task force shall consist of ¹[7] ²[eight¹] 11² members
15 as follows:

16 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, who shall serve ex
17 officio, or the commissioner’s designee;

18 (2) the Chief Administrator of the ¹New Jersey¹ Motor Vehicle
19 Commission, who shall serve ex officio, or the chief administrator’s
20 designee;

21 (3) the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the
22 Department of Law and Public Safety, who shall serve ex officio, or
23 the director’s designee;

24 (4) ¹[two] ²[three¹] a commissioner of the Board of Public
25 Utilities, selected by the Governor, who shall serve ex officio, or
26 that commissioner’s designee;

27 (5) five² public members, who shall be appointed by the
28 Governor, one with an expertise in highway ¹[transportation]
29 traffic¹ safety ¹[and] ¹, one with an expertise in autonomous
30 vehicle technology ², one with an expertise in automotive
31 manufacturing, one who is licensed in this State as a professional
32 engineer pursuant to P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-27 et seq.)² ¹, and
33 one, who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the
34 recommendation of the Commissioner of the Department of
35 Banking and Insurance, with an expertise in automobile insurance¹;

36 ²[(5)] (6)² one public member appointed by the Governor upon
37 the recommendation of the President of the Senate, with an
38 expertise in highway ¹[transportation] traffic¹ safety; and

39 ²[(6)] (7)² one public member appointed by the Governor upon
40 the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, with
41 an expertise in autonomous vehicle technology² ;²

42 c. Within 90 days after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), ¹[a majority of]¹ the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted October 22, 2018.

²Senate STR committee amendments adopted January 17, 2019.

1 task force's authorized membership shall be appointed and the task
2 force shall hold its initial meeting. The task force shall organize
3 upon the appointment of a majority of its authorized membership
4 and shall elect a chair from among its members. The members of
5 the task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the task
6 force. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
7 original appointment. The task force members shall serve without
8 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
9 incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent that funds
10 are available for that purpose.

11 d. Not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the task
12 force, the task force shall issue a report to the Governor and,
13 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
14 Legislature, which shall include, but not be limited to²[,]² an
15 evaluation of ²[the National Highway ¹[Transportation] Traffic¹
16 Safety Administration's safety standards for advanced autonomous
17 vehicles and whether ¹[this] the¹ State ¹[may] should¹ enact
18 stricter safety standards,¹ existing State laws that may unreasonably
19 impede the testing and operation of autonomous vehicles on public
20 roads in this State;² an evaluation of existing state and federal law
21 concerning advanced autonomous vehicles with a focus on ²[safety
22 standards,¹ licensing, registration, insurance, liability, law
23 enforcement and accident reporting, land use, road and
24 infrastructure design, public transit, and workforce changes;
25 recommendations for implementing advanced autonomous vehicle
26 pilot programs to promote the safe testing and operation of
27 advanced autonomous vehicles on public roads in this State;² an
28 evaluation of existing legislation and regulations in other states
29 concerning advanced autonomous vehicles ²[with a focus on safety
30 standards,¹]² recommendations on how this State could safely
31 integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on its highways, streets,
32 and roads²[,]² any other information relevant to the subject of the
33 report²[,]² and any draft legislation the task force deems
34 appropriate to implement the purposes of P.L. , c. (C.)
35 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)², which shall be
36 consistent with federal law, regulations, and policy guidance².

37 e. The task force shall be entitled to the assistance and services
38 of the employees of any State board, bureau, commission, or agency
39 as it may require, and as may be available to it for these purposes
40 including, but not limited to, stenographic and clerical assistants
41 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
42 to it for its purposes.

43 f. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission ²[and]² the
44 Department of Transportation², and the Alan M. Voorhees
45 Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State University of New
46 Jersey² shall assist the task force in the performance of its duties

1 and provide the task force with studies, data, or other materials in
2 the possession of those entities, to the extent that such are relevant
3 to the purposes of the task force.

4 g. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
5 Legislature as this bill):

6 “Advanced autonomous vehicle” means a motor vehicle
7 equipped with autonomous technology that has a driving
8 automation level of three, four, or five, as defined in the
9 SAE J3016, which is an ²[information report related to]² automated
10 driving ²[systems] system standard² issued by the Society of
11 Automotive Engineers International and is used by the United
12 States Department of Transportation for autonomous vehicle policy
13 guidance.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
16 the issuance of the report submitted by the task force pursuant to
17 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
18 this bill).