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P.L. 2019, Joint Resolution No. 2, approved March 18, 2019
Assembly Joint Resolution No. 164 (Second Reprint)

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

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

1. a. There is established a task force to be known as "the New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force." The purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a study of advanced autonomous vehicles and to make recommendations on laws, rules, and regulations that this State may enact or adopt to safely integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on the State’s highways, streets, and roads.

b. The task force shall consist of 7 [eight] 11 [two] members as follows:

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

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

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

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

(5) five public members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, one with an expertise in highway transportation safety and one with an expertise in autonomous vehicle technology, one with an expertise in automotive manufacturing, one who is licensed in this State as a professional engineer pursuant to P.L.1938, c.342 (C.45:8-27 et seq.), and one, who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance, with an expertise in automobile insurance; and

[5] [6] one public member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate, with an expertise in highway transportation safety; and

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

2. Within 90 days after the effective date of P.L.1991, c.164 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), 1[a majority of]1 the
task force's authorized membership shall be appointed and the task
force shall hold its initial meeting. The task force shall organize
upon the appointment of a majority of its authorized membership
and shall elect a chair from among its members. The members of
the task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the task
force. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
original appointment. The task force members shall serve without
compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent that funds
are available for that purpose.

d. Not later than 180 days after the initial meeting of the task
force, the task force shall issue a report to the Governor and,
pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
Legislature, which shall include, but not be limited to2[.]:2 an
evaluation of 2[the National Highway 'Transportation'] Traffic's
Safety Administration’s safety standards for advanced autonomous
vehicles and whether 1[this] the State 1[may] should1 enact
strictier safety standards, existing State laws that may unreasonably
impede the testing and operation of autonomous vehicles on public
roads in this State,2 an evaluation of existing state and federal law
concerning advanced autonomous vehicles with a focus on2[safety
standards,] licensing, registration, insurance, liability, law
enforcement and accident reporting, land use, road and
infrastructure design, public transit, and workforce changes;
recommendations for implementing advanced autonomous vehicle
pilot programs to promote the safe testing and operation of
advanced autonomous vehicles on public roads in this State,2 an
evaluation of existing legislation and regulations in other states
concerning advanced autonomous vehicles2[with a focus on safety
standards,] recommendations on how this State could safely
integrate advanced autonomous vehicles on its highways, streets,
and roads2[.]:2 any other information relevant to the subject of the
report2[.]:2 and any draft legislation the task force deems
appropriate to implement the purposes of P.L.1991, c.164 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)2, which shall be
consistent with federal law, regulations, and policy guidance2.

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

f. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey shall assist the task force in the performance of its duties and provide the task force with studies, data, or other materials in the possession of those entities, to the extent that such are relevant to the purposes of the task force.

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

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

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

Establishes “New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force.”