

General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 468

LCO No. 2497

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) On or before September 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall convene the initial meeting of the Alternative Air Quality Task Force established under subsection (b) of this section. The task force shall review and, on or before January 1, 2007, report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning alternative air quality compliance methods to replace or modify current motor vehicle emissions testing, including, but not limited to, (1) remote motor vehicle emissions sampling; (2) higher efficiency and lower emissions fleet replacement or retrofitting of state vehicles and state assisted vehicle operations; (3) state tax incentives and other assistance for higher efficiency and lower emissions commercial fleet, other commercial use and personal use vehicle replacement or retrofitting; (4) expansion of the availability and use of alternative

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motor vehicle fuels; and (5) incentives to increase use of mass transit alternatives. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or on January 1, 2007, whichever is later.

- (b) The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed as follows: (1) Six members having professional, scientific experience or knowledge in air quality measurement and compliance, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one by the Lieutenant Governor, one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the Senate; (2) two members having professional, scientific experience or knowledge in alternative fuels, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the majority leader of the Senate; (3) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, who shall also chair the task force; (4) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; and (5) the
- 35 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than 36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be 37 filled by the appointing authority.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's designee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:

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To create a task force to study and recommend clean air compliance alternative.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 468

Senate, March 21, 2006

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. FINCH of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

To the extent any of the appointees are legislators, Legislative Management may incur minimal costs for the legislator mileage reimbursement which are part of the normal budgetary resources of the agency. Any increase in the workloads of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Economic and Community Development, and Motor Vehicles is anticipated to be minimal and handled within the resources of each agency.

The Out Years

Since the task force terminates on or before Jan. 1, 2007, there is no out year impact.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/08/2006)