

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Examine Liability Insurance on Rental Vehicles.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following 7 members:

(1) 1 Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) 1 Delegate appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;

(3) the Commissioner of the Maryland Insurance Administration or the Commissioner's designee;

(4) the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Administrator's designee; and

(5) 3 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates as follows:

(i) 1 representative of the Maryland Rental Car Coalition;

(ii) 1 representative of the motor vehicle liability insurance industry; and

(iii) 1 member at large.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall each appoint a co-chair of the Task Force.

(d) Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference.

(e) The purpose and responsibilities of the Task Force are to:

(1) review the liability insurance issues, including primary coverage, involved in the rental of motor vehicles in this State;

(2) develop recommendations for methods to:

(i) reduce costs to consumers of the automobile insurance industry and the rental vehicle industry with respect to duplicative insurance coverages provided on rental vehicles;

(ii) reduce the confusion to consumers related to the insurance issues involved in rental vehicle transactions; and

(iii) reduce costs to consumers of rental vehicles or the use of loaner cars;

and

(3) propose legislative, regulatory, and other changes required to implement the recommendations.

(f) On or before December 1, 1996, the Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.