

- (d) The Secretary of Transportation shall provide staff support for the Task Force from the Department of Transportation.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
  - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f) The Task Force shall:
- (1) study:
    - (i) the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety; and
    - (ii) all available technology that may enhance the safety of blind pedestrians;
  - (2) review all available research regarding the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety;
  - (3) consult with:
    - (i) consumer groups representing individuals who are blind, other pedestrians, and cyclists; and
    - (ii) advocates for the safety of children;
  - (4) as appropriate, contract for additional research and studies to be conducted;
  - (5) conduct hearings to accept testimony from:
    - (i) experts on acoustics, automobile design, environmental quality, orientation and mobility for blind people, pedestrian safety, and other relevant fields; and
    - (ii) interested members of the public; and
  - (6) make recommendations concerning:
    - (i) a minimum sound level and the nature and characteristics of the minimum sound to be required for all new vehicles sold and licensed in the State; and