

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(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 study:

(1) the State and local laws governing towing practices, including the storage and disposal of towed vehicles, and any recommended changes to these laws;

(2) the costs, benefits, and feasibility of a State program of licensure or registration for the towing industry;

(3) issues related to notice given by a private property owner to the owner of a motor vehicle before towing the vehicle;

(4) issues related to notice given by a police department to the motor vehicle owner, a secured party, or an insurer of an abandoned motor vehicle in police custody;

(5) issues related to notice given by a private tower to the motor vehicle owner, a secured party, an insurer, or the local police department of a towed vehicle in the possession of a private tower;

(6) issues related to State preemption of local authority governing the towing or removal of motor vehicles; and

(7) any other issues that the Task Force considers relevant to motor vehicle towing practices in the State.

(g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~7 months~~ 1 year and, at the end of ~~December 31, 2008~~ May 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.