
SENATE BILL 6815

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to an automobile theft task force; adding new
2 sections to chapter 43.43 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The automobile theft task force is established, consisting of:

7 (a) One police chief, appointed by the Washington council of police
8 and sheriffs;

9 (b) One sheriff, appointed by the Washington association of
10 sheriffs and police chiefs;

11 (c) A representative of prosecuting attorneys, appointed by the
12 Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

13 (d) Two employees of insurers licensed to write motor vehicle
14 liability insurance in this state, appointed by the governor;

15 (e) Two members of the public, appointed by the governor;

16 (f) The assistant director for vehicle services in the department
17 of licensing; and

18 (g) The chief of the Washington state patrol, or the chief's
19 designee.

1 (2) Task force members shall select a chair annually from among the
2 members.

3 (3) Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for travel
4 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, the automobile theft task
8 force shall hire up to two staff members as necessary, including an
9 executive director. In hiring an executive director, preference shall
10 be given to qualified applicants with law enforcement and criminal
11 policy experience. In no case may the task force's expenses exceed ten
12 percent of the total expenditures under this section in any fiscal
13 year.

14 (2) The automobile theft task force shall:

15 (a) Make grants and awards to public agencies for motor vehicle
16 theft intervention programs; however, this funding shall be used to
17 supplement, not supplant, other moneys available for motor vehicle
18 theft prevention;

19 (b) Identify priorities for theft prevention strategies and
20 criteria for the task force's evaluation of recipients of assistance
21 from the task force;

22 (c) Study and propose laws that will further prevent and deter
23 vehicle thefts and related crimes; and

24 (d) Report by December 31st of each year to the governor and
25 appropriate committees of the legislature on its activities during the
26 preceding year.

27 (3) The automobile theft task force may:

28 (a) Solicit and accept funds to be used to carry out the purposes
29 of this section; and

30 (b) Establish or assist in the establishment of programs designed
31 to reduce the incidence of vehicle thefts and related crimes.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires December 31, 2006.

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