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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT CURBSTONING.
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5 WHEREAS, there are concerns expressed about
6 potential abuses by unlicensed motor vehicle dealers involving
7 the illegal sale of used motor vehicles, otherwise known as
8 curbstoning; and

9 WHEREAS, curbstoners sell used vehicles under the
10 pretense of being the owner of the vehicle in order to evade
11 state and municipal statutes and rules for licensed motor
12 vehicle dealers; and

13 WHEREAS, curbstoners put consumers at risk by
14 releasing unsafe vehicles onto the streets, hurt local
15 businesses, and deny local governments the fees and tax
16 revenue needed to provide essential public services; and

17 WHEREAS, an initiative is necessary to further
18 explore the impact of curbstoning in the state, and to
19 eliminate this illegal practice that harms Alabama consumers,
20 licensed motor vehicle dealers, financial institutions, and
21 state and local governments each year; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the
24 Alabama Task Force to Combat Curbstoning.

1 (a) The task force shall be composed of the
2 following members:

3 (1) The chair of the task force who shall be
4 appointed by the Commissioner of Revenue.

5 (2) One representative appointed by the Automobile
6 Dealers Association of Alabama.

7 (3) One representative appointed by the Alabama
8 Independent Auto Dealers Association.

9 (4) A probate judge as appointed by the President of
10 the Probate Judge Association.

11 (5) One representative appointed by the Alabama
12 Bankers Association.

13 (6) One representative appointed by the Alabama
14 Credit Union Association.

15 (7) One representative appointed by the Alabama
16 Association of Tax Administrators.

17 (8) One representative of the Attorney General's
18 Office of Consumer Interest, appointed by the Attorney
19 General.

20 (9) One consumer representative appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 (10) One representative of the motor vehicle
23 industry appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

24 (b) Members of the task force shall serve without
25 compensation.

1 (c) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
2 their appointments to assure that the membership of the
3 Alabama Task Force to Combat Curbstoning is inclusive and
4 reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and
5 economic diversity of the state.

6 (d) The task force shall hold its first meeting no
7 later than June 1, 2018, with the date, time, and location of
8 the meeting set by the chair of the task force.

9 (e) The task force shall have the following
10 responsibilities:

11 (1) Research, compile information, and draft
12 recommendations to combat the issues associated with
13 curbstoning and provide a report to the Legislature, including
14 any recommended changes to the Code of Alabama 1975. The
15 research shall include the examination of motor vehicle
16 licensing laws of other states, as well as input and briefings
17 from all sectors of the industry.

18 (2) Based on the data and analysis of this state and
19 laws and regulations of other states, draft a report that
20 includes recommendations of potential measures and reforms
21 related to curbstoning.

22 (3) The task force shall report its findings,
23 conclusions, and make recommendations to the Legislature no
24 later than the first day of February 2019, whereupon it shall

1 stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and
2 responsibilities.

