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8 ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT CURBSTONING.
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10 WHEREAS, there are concerns expressed about
11 potential abuses by unlicensed motor vehicle dealers involving
12 the illegal sale of used motor vehicles, otherwise known as
13 curbstoning; and

14 WHEREAS, curbstoners sell used vehicles under the
15 pretense of being the owner of the vehicle in order to evade
16 state and municipal statutes and rules for licensed motor
17 vehicle dealers; and

18 WHEREAS, curbstoners put consumers at risk by
19 releasing unsafe vehicles onto the streets, hurt local
20 businesses, and deny local governments the fees and tax
21 revenue needed to provide essential public services; and

22 WHEREAS, an initiative is necessary to further
23 explore the impact of curbstoning in the state, and to
24 eliminate this illegal practice that harms Alabama consumers,
25 licensed motor vehicle dealers, financial institutions, and
26 state and local governments each year; now therefore,

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

4 (a) The task force shall be composed of the
5 following members:

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

8 (2) One representative appointed by the Automobile
9 Dealers Association of Alabama.

10 (3) One representative appointed by the Alabama
11 Independent Auto Dealers Association.

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

14 (5) One representative appointed by the Alabama
15 Bankers Association.

16 (6) One representative appointed by the Alabama
17 Credit Union Association.

18 (7) One representative appointed by the Alabama
19 Association of Tax Administrators.

20 (8) One representative of the Attorney General's
21 Office of Consumer Interest, appointed by the Attorney
22 General.

23 (9) One consumer representative appointed by the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

1 (b) Members of the task force shall serve without
2 compensation.

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

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

11 (e) The task force shall have the following
12 responsibilities:

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

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

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

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