

# HOUSE BILL 172

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of  
4 Self-Driving Vehicles; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task  
5 Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,  
6 but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
7 make certain determinations, review certain information, consider certain issues,  
8 and make certain recommendations related to the use of self-driving vehicles;  
9 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor  
10 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination  
11 of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the  
12 Use of Self-Driving Vehicles.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 2-404

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 2-404.

2 (A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF  
3 SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES.

4 (B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

5 (1) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,  
6 ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE  
7 FROM THE MINORITY PARTY, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

8 (2) ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
9 ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE  
10 FROM THE MINORITY PARTY, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

11 (3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, OR THE ATTORNEY  
12 GENERAL'S DESIGNEE;

13 (4) THE FOLLOWING THREE MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE  
14 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:

15 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE  
16 ADMINISTRATION;

17 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY  
18 ADMINISTRATION; AND

19 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND  
20 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY;

21 (5) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
22 DESIGNEE; ~~AND~~

23 (6) THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, OR THE  
24 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND

25 (7) THE FOLLOWING ~~FIVE~~ SEVEN MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE  
26 GOVERNOR:

27 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE  
28 INDUSTRY;

29 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AAA MID-ATLANTIC;

1 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE  
2 ASSOCIATION;

3 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE  
4 MANUFACTURERS; ~~AND~~

5 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GLOBAL  
6 AUTOMAKERS;

7 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MOTOR TRUCK  
8 ASSOCIATION; AND

9 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND SHERIFFS'  
10 ASSOCIATION.

11 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.

12 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR  
13 THE TASK FORCE.

14 (E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:

15 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK  
16 FORCE; BUT

17 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
18 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

19 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

20 (1) DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE BEST  
21 PRACTICES FOR GOVERNING SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES BASED ON A REVIEW OF:

22 (I) THE LAWS OF OTHER STATES GOVERNING  
23 SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES;

24 (II) ANY RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, OR GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY  
25 THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND

26 (III) ANY OTHER SOURCE OF RESEARCH OR ANALYSIS  
27 ADDRESSING THE GOVERNANCE OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES;

28 (2) REVIEW STATE LAW GOVERNING THE RULES OF THE ROAD,  
29 INCLUDING LAWS GOVERNING SPEED RESTRICTIONS, DISTRACTED DRIVING, AND

1 DRUNK DRIVING, TO DETERMINE IF THAT AREA OF STATE LAW WOULD NEED TO BE  
2 UPDATED TO ACCOMMODATE SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES; AND

3 (3) CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

4 (I) ISSUES RELATED TO ANY TRAINING THAT WOULD BE  
5 NEEDED FOR DRIVERS IF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE ON  
6 STATE HIGHWAYS, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
7 FOR NEW DRIVERS;

8 (II) ISSUES RELATED TO LIABILITY IN THE EVENT THAT A  
9 SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE IS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN INJURY OR  
10 PROPERTY DAMAGE; ~~AND~~

11 (III) ISSUES RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF SELF-DRIVING  
12 VEHICLES ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND; AND

13 (IV) ANY OTHER ISSUE THAT THE TASK FORCE DETERMINES TO  
14 BE RELEVANT IF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE ON STATE  
15 HIGHWAYS.

16 (G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS  
17 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
18 § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June  
21 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.