

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Automobile Donations to Charitable Organizations**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Automobile Donations to Charitable
4 Organizations to review procedures and regulation of automobile donations in
5 this State; requiring the Task Force to hold public hearings and to submit a
6 report and make recommendations by a certain date; providing for the
7 membership and appointment of the Task Force; providing for reimbursement
8 for the members of the Task Force; terminating the Task Force on a certain date;
9 and generally relating to a Task Force on Automobile Donations to Charitable
10 Organizations.

11 WHEREAS, The number of charitable organizations seeking automobile
12 donations has increased significantly in recent years; and

13 WHEREAS, There is currently no monitoring of the level of charitable
14 automobile donations in this State; and

15 WHEREAS, The donation of automobiles to charitable organizations has raised
16 serious concerns relating to tax exemptions and improper transfer of automobile
17 titles; and

18 WHEREAS, There is a need for additional regulation of automobile donations in
19 this State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That there is a
21 Task Force on Automobile Donations to Charitable Organizations; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall review the procedures for and regulation
23 of automobile donations to charitable organizations in the State, including:

24 (1) solicitation of automobile donations in the State;

25 (2) the charitable status of organizations soliciting automobile
26 donations;

27 (3) problems or concerns regarding transfer of title to automobiles
28 donated;

1 (4) problems or concerns regarding tax exemptions for donated
2 automobiles; and

3 (5) regulatory or enforcement problems in the State regarding
4 automobile donations; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold public hearings; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of nine members as follows:

7 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President
8 of the Senate of Maryland;

9 (2) two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House of Delegates;

11 (3) the Secretary of State or the designee of the Secretary;

12 (4) the Director of the Motor Vehicle Administration or the designee of
13 the Director;

14 (5) one representative of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit
15 Organizations; and

16 (6) two representatives of charitable organizations engaging in
17 solicitation of automobile donations in this State; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the chairman of the Task Force shall be appointed jointly by
19 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Office of the Secretary of State shall provide staff support
22 for the Task Force; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a member of the Task Force:

24 (1) may not receive compensation; but

25 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
26 Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That on or before December 31, 2000, the Task Force shall submit
28 a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246
29 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall terminate January 1, 2001; and be it
31 further

32 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
33 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;

- 1 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 2 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.