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SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Home Security Systems Anti-Burglary Task Force."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

1 AN ACT establishing the “Home Security Systems Anti-Burglary
2 Task Force.”

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is established in the Department of Law and Public
8 Safety the “Home Security Systems Anti-Burglary Task Force.”
9 The purpose of the task force shall be to study and make
10 recommendations for manufacturers and installers concerning home
11 security systems, including but not limited to keyless entry, camera,
12 and alarm systems, meant to prevent residential burglaries.

13 b. The task force shall consist of 14 members as follows:

14 (1) the chairperson of the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and
15 Locksmith Advisory Committee of the Board of Examiners of
16 Electrical Contractors, who shall serve as the chair of the task force;

17 (2) the Attorney General, who shall serve ex officio, or a
18 designee;

19 (3) the Superintendent of State Police, who shall serve ex officio,
20 or a designee;

21 (4) one representative of each of the following organizations
22 selected by that organization: the New Jersey Electronic Life Safety
23 Association; the Electronic Security Association; the Monitoring
24 Association; the Security Industry Association; the Insurance
25 Council of New Jersey; the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of
26 Police; and the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey; and

27 (5) four public members, appointed by the Governor, with
28 experience in the locksmithing and alarm business, including at
29 least one licensed locksmith and one licensed burglar alarm
30 installer.

31 c. Appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
32 30 days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before
33 the Legislature as this bill). Vacancies shall be filled in the same
34 manner as the original appointments. The members of the task
35 force shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for
36 reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in
37 the performance of their official duties within the limits of funds
38 appropriated or otherwise made available to the task force for its
39 purposes.

40 d. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable
41 following the appointment of its public members. The Executive
42 Director of the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, or the
43 Executive Director’s designee, shall serve as the task force’s
44 secretary. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the place
45 or places the task force designates. The Division of Consumer
46 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall provide
47 staff support to the task force. The task force shall be entitled to

1 call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees
2 of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau,
3 commission, or agency as the task force may require and as may be
4 available to the task force for its purposes.

5 e. No later than six months after its organization the task force
6 shall prepare and submit to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2
7 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature a report
8 detailing the task force's recommendations concerning
9 improvements in home security and anti-burglary measures through
10 security system design features and product availability. The report
11 shall include any recommendations for legislative or regulatory
12 action that are necessary to effectuate the improvements. The task
13 force shall expire upon submission of its written report.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire upon
16 submission of the task force's written report to the Governor and the
17 Legislature, as provided by section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before
18 the Legislature as this bill).

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill establishes the "Home Security Systems Anti-Burglary
24 Task Force" in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

25 Under the bill, the purpose of the task force is to study and make
26 recommendations for manufacturers and installers concerning home
27 security systems, including but not limited to keyless entry, camera,
28 and alarm systems, meant to prevent residential burglaries.

29 The bill provides that the task force will consist of 14 members
30 as follows:

- 31 • the chairperson of the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and
32 Locksmith Advisory Committee of the Board of Examiners
33 of Electrical Contractors, who shall serve as the chair of the
34 task force;
- 35 • the Attorney General and the Superintendent of State Police,
36 serving ex officio, or their designees;
- 37 • one representative of each of the following organizations
38 selected by that organization: the New Jersey Electronic Life
39 Safety Association; the Electronic Security Association; the
40 Monitoring Association; the Security Industry Association;
41 the Insurance Council of New Jersey; the New Jersey
42 Association of Chiefs of Police; and the County Prosecutors
43 Association of New Jersey; and
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45 experience in the locksmithing and alarm business, including
46 at least one licensed locksmith and one licensed burglar
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1 The bill requires the task force to submit a written report to the
2 Governor and the Legislature detailing the task force's
3 recommendations concerning improvements in home security and
4 anti-burglary measures through security system design features and
5 product availability. The report will also include any
6 recommendations for legislative or regulatory action that are
7 necessary to effectuate the improvements.