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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 car in order to evade state  
16 or city regulations imposed on authorized motor vehicle  
17 dealers; and

18 WHEREAS, curbstoners put consumers at risk by  
19 releasing unsafe vehicles into 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 motor vehicle dealers, financial institutions, and state and  
26 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 Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of  
7 the Department of Revenue, who shall be the chair of the task  
8 force.

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

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

13 (4) One representative appointed by the Alabama  
14 Bankers Association.

15 (5) One representative appointed by the Alabama  
16 Credit Union Association.

17 (6) One representative appointed by the Alabama  
18 Association of Tax Administrators.

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

22 (8) One consumer representative appointed by the  
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

26 (b) There shall be no compensation for task force  
27 members.

1           (c) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
2 their appointments to assure that the membership of the  
3 Alabama Task Force 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 have the following  
7 responsibilities:

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

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

19           (3) The task force shall report its findings,  
20 conclusions, and make recommendations to the Legislature no  
21 later than the first day of December 2017, whereupon it shall  
22 stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and  
23 responsibilities.