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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT establishing the New York task force on automated vehicle technology; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that automated vehicle technology offers widely anticipated and revolutionary potential for the transportation sector. Among the unprecedented opportunities offered by this technology are inclusive mobility options to benefit disadvantaged, disabled and elderly residents; as congestion and emissions mitigation; improved livable land use, and basic road. Further, the legislature has amended section 2 of part FF of chapter 55 of the laws of 2017, relating to motor vehicles equipped with autonomous vehicle technology, as amended by section 2 of part H of chapter 58 of the laws of 2018, as amended by section 1 of part M of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, to allow for a two-year testing program for automobile manufacturers and technology leaders to test and demonstrate automated vehicle technology in New York, which will expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2023. Consequently, the legislature finds that there is a pressing need for policymakers to study automated vehicle technology and formulate comprehensive laws and regulations to ensure the state is prepared for the safe deployment of automobiles equipped with this technology and to help prepare the state's role in a future where automated vehicle technology plays in shaping our roadways, economy, education system, and society.

To this end, it is in the public interest to establish an automated vehicle task force that shall study, evaluate and develop recommendations relating to specific actionable measures that address how automated vehicle technology will transform the state's roadways, economy, education system, and society.

§ 2. Automated vehicle task force. The New York task force on automated vehicle technology is hereby established to study and assess the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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future of automated vehicle technology. For purposes of this act, "automated vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle that has the capability to drive the vehicle without the active control or monitoring of a human operator. Such task force shall consist of seventeen members with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the task force. The members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:

(a) five members shall be appointed by the governor, such member's expertise shall encompass, but not be limited to, the topic areas of transportation, research and development, education, people with disabilities; one of such member shall be the commissioner of the department of motor vehicles and shall serve as chairperson of the task force; and one member shall be the commissioner of the department of transportation and shall serve as vice chair;

(b) two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(d) one member shall be appointed by the senate minority leader;

(e) one member shall be appointed by the assembly minority leader;

(f) one member shall be appointed by the chancellor of the state university of New York; such member shall be a member of a research faculty of an engineering department at a state university of New York campus;

(g) one member shall be appointed by the commission on independent colleges and universities from a New York private university research faculty of an engineering department;

(h) two such appointees shall be representatives of differing original equipment manufacturers;

(i) one member shall be appointed by the president of AFL-CIO; and

(j) one member shall be appointed by the New York state business council.

§ 3. All appointments shall be made no later than the thirtieth day after the effective date of this section. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for by the original appointments. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who shall not be a member of the task force. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services.

§ 4. The task force shall study, evaluate and develop recommendations relating to specific actionable measures that address how automated vehicle technology will transform the state's roadways, economy, education system and society. The automated vehicle task force shall study how to support the safe testing, deployment and operation of automated vehicle technology on public highways. It shall take all of the following into consideration: (a) the measures necessary to successfully implement automated vehicles, including any legislative changes; (b) the difficulties and liabilities that could arise by allowing automated vehicles on public highways; (c) how automated vehicle technology can promote research and development in this state; and (d) any other issue the committee deems relevant.

§ 5. The task force shall be entitled to request and receive, and shall utilize such facilities, resources and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties.

§ 6. In carrying out its functions, the task force shall hold five public hearings around the state to foster discussions among, and conduct formal public hearings with requisite public notice to solicit input and recommendations from statewide and regional stakeholder interests.

§ 7. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on or before April first, two thousand twenty-three.

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such date.