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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT in relation to establishing the New York state organized retail crime task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The legislature hereby establishes the New York state
2 organized retail crime task force (referred to hereinafter as the "task
3 force") to provide the governor and the legislature with information on
4 organized retail crime and the advantages and drawbacks of instituting
5 various countermeasures to counter losses from such theft in the state.
6 § 2. 1. The task force shall consist of eleven members as follows:
7 a. three members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be an
8 individual who represents state or local law enforcement;
9 b. two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
10 c. two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;
11 d. one member appointed by the district attorneys association of the
12 state of New York;
13 e. one member appointed by the retail council of New York state;
14 f. one member appointed by the metro organized retail crime alliance;
15 and
16 g. one member appointed by the New England organized retail crime
17 alliance.
18 2. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
19 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
20 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.
21 Appointed members shall, to the greatest extent practicable have by
22 education or experience, knowledge of organized retail theft.

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

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1 3. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled
2 in the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

3 4. The task force may consult with any organization, government enti-
4 ty, or person, in the development of its report required under section
5 three of this act.

6 § 3. On or before December 15, 2023, the task force shall submit to
7 the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of
8 the assembly a report containing, but not limited to, the following
9 information based on available data:

10 1. a review of laws and regulations on organized retail crime used by
11 other states, the federal government, foreign countries, and foreign
12 political and economic unions to regulate the marketplace;

13 2. the use of organized retail theft's impact on state and local tax
14 receipts;

15 3. the need for interagency coordination of public education and
16 outreach and prevention programs for business owners; and

17 4. legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to increase
18 transparency and security, enhance consumer protections, prevent organ-
19 ized retail theft, and to address the long term economic impact related
20 to the prevalence of organized retail crime.

21 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire December
22 15, 2023 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed
23 repealed.