

2021 Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 147

SALVAGE TITLE TASK FORCE .

Subdivision 1. Definitions.

- (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.
- (b) "High-value vehicle " has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 168A.01, subdivision 6a.
- (c) "Late-model vehicle " has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 168A.01, subdivision 8a.
- (d) " Task Force " means the salvage title task force established in this section.

Subd. 2. Establishment; purpose.

A salvage title task force is established to evaluate issues related to salvage certificates of title and make any recommendations for legislative changes.

Subd. 3. Membership.

- (a) The task force consists of the following members:
 - (1) two members of the house of representatives, with one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the house minority leader; and
 - (2) two members of the senate, with one appointed by the senate majority leader and one appointed by the senate minority leader.
- (b) The appointing authorities under paragraph (a) must make the appointments by August 1, 2021.
- (c) At its first meeting, the task force must elect a chair by a majority vote of those members present.

Subd. 4. Duties.

The task force must:

- (1) review state law governing motor vehicle titling and issuance of a salvage certificate of title, which must include Minnesota Statutes, sections 168A.151, 325F.6641, and 325F.6642;
- (2) evaluate the current salvage designation, including:
 - (i) whether the designation conveys information about the physical, structural, and mechanical condition of the vehicle that is sufficient to enable vehicle owners and prospective purchasers of used vehicles to make informed repair or purchase decisions; and

(ii) whether the criteria in state statute for "high-value vehicle" and "late-model vehicle" provide meaningful information about the physical, structural, and mechanical condition of the vehicle;

(3) identify any additional or alternative means to provide information about the condition of a vehicle that is subject to an insurer acquiring ownership through payment of damages;

(4) make recommendations for motor vehicle titling changes based on task force findings, including development of any proposed legislation; and

(5) estimate costs and fiscal impacts of implementing the recommendations.

Subd. 5. Meetings.

(a) By September 1, 2021, the chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission must convene the first meeting of the task force.

(b) The task force must establish a schedule for meetings and meet as necessary to accomplish the duties under subdivision 4.

(c) The task force is subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

Subd. 6. Administration.

(a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative services and support and physical or virtual meeting space. Upon request of the task force, the commissioner of public safety must provide technical support.

(b) Members of the task force serve without compensation.

Subd. 7. Legislative report.

By January 31, 2022, the task force must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy. At a minimum, the report must describe the activities, evaluations and findings, cost estimates, and recommendations of the task force.

Subd. 8. Expiration.

The task force expires the day following submission of the report under subdivision 7.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.