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A bill for an act

relating to commerce; establishing a task force on no-fault automobile insurance reform issues; providing legislative appointments; requiring a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE ISSUES.**

Subdivision 1. Establishment. The task force on no-fault auto insurance is established to review certain issues related to no-fault automobile insurance reform.

Subd. 2. Membership; meetings; staff. (a) The task force shall be composed of the following 19 members, who must be appointed by July 1, 2015, and who serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities:

(1) the commissioner of commerce or a designee;

(2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the minority leader;

(3) two members of the senate, one appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration and one appointed by the minority leader;

(4) a representative of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association;

(5) a representative of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota;

(6) a person appointed by the Insurance Federation of Minnesota who is not a member of the Federation;

(7) a representative of the Minnesota Association for Justice;

(8) a representative of the Minnesota Medical Association;

(9) a representative of the Minnesota Glass Association;

(10) a representative of the Minnesota Hospital Association;

(11) a representative of the Minnesota Ambulance Association;

- 2.1 (12) a representative of the Minnesota Physical Therapy Association;
2.2 (13) a representative of the Academy of Emergency Physicians-Minnesota Chapter;
2.3 (14) a representative of the Medical Group Management Association of Minnesota;
2.4 (15) a representative of a medical consulting company specializing in the delivery of
2.5 independent medical examinations, appointed by the commissioner;
2.6 (16) a representative of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association; and
2.7 (17) a representative of the Minnesota Ambulatory Surgery Center Association.

2.8 (b) Compensation and expense reimbursement must be as provided under Minnesota
2.9 Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3, to members of the task force.

2.10 (c) The commissioner of commerce shall convene the task force by August 1, 2015,
2.11 and shall appoint a chair from the membership of the task force. Staffing and technical
2.12 assistance must be provided by the Department of Commerce.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force shall review and evaluate the following issues
2.14 related to no-fault automobile insurance reform:

- 2.15 (1) no-fault arbitration process;
2.16 (2) independent medical exam process;
2.17 (3) treatment standards and fee schedules; and
2.18 (4) no-fault health provider oversight.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Report.** By February 1, 2016, the task force must submit to the
2.20 chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
2.21 committees and divisions with primary jurisdiction over commerce and transportation its
2.22 written recommendations, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the
2.23 recommendations.

2.24 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force expires the day after submitting the report
2.25 under subdivision 4, or February 2, 2016, whichever is earlier.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.