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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 103, L.D. 203, “An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Dealer display area and licensing working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study issues related to laws and rules regulating motor vehicle dealer display areas and licensing requirements.

1. Membership. The working group consists of 6 members, as follows:

- A. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
- B. The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- C. One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who is an expert in motor vehicle dealer license requirements;
- D. One member who is a representative of an association of new motor vehicle dealers;
- E. One member who is a representative of a business in the used motor vehicle industry; and
- F. One member who is a representative of a business that engages in the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet.

2. Compensation. Members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group.

3. Duties. Duties of the working group include:

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1 A. Reviewing the effectiveness of the current display area and dealer licensing
2 requirements established in law and rule for motor vehicle dealers in providing
3 customers with an opportunity to examine a motor vehicle prior to purchasing it;

4 B. Reviewing recommendations from the American Association of Motor Vehicle
5 Administrators regarding the regulation of motor vehicle sales made over the
6 Internet;

7 C. Examining relevant standards or systems developed by industry experts to regulate
8 the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet, including, but not limited to, which
9 standards or systems would be most effective for the State to regulate the sale of
10 motor vehicles over the Internet and the impact that adopting such standards or
11 systems could have on motor vehicle dealers licensed in the State; and

12 D. Developing recommendations to improve the State's laws regarding the
13 requirements for motor vehicle dealer display areas in order to create a system that is
14 more equitable for all of the different types of motor vehicle dealer businesses across
15 the State.

16 **4. Staff assistance.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor
17 Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, within existing
18 resources.

19 **5. Report.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall
20 provide a report by January 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the
21 working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
22 Advancement and Business. The joint standing committee may introduce legislation for
23 presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the
24 recommendations in the report.'

25 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
26 number to read consecutively.

27 SUMMARY

28 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of the
29 Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study motor
30 vehicle dealer display area regulations and licensing requirements, establishes the
31 membership and duties of the working group and requires the bureau to submit a report to
32 the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and
33 Business by January 15, 2024.

34 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

35 (See attached)