

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study and evaluate the merger of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission currently function as separate regulatory entities, each charged with the licensure, regulation, and oversight of the motor vehicle industry in this state; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed regarding the possible areas of overlap in responsibilities, variations in enforcement practices, and opportunities to improve efficiency through a review of the current structure of the two separate commissions; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to streamline Louisiana government, it is in the best interest of this state to combine the two commissions; and

WHEREAS, combining resources and eliminating duplicate efforts will lead to cost reductions including administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, a unified commission can work more cohesively, leading to faster and more consistent decision-making and implementation of policies, the elimination of competing or inconsistent goals, rulemaking, and enforcement, and greater clarity to regulatory requirements for licensees and the consuming public; and

WHEREAS, a merged commission can provide more convenient, consistent, and comprehensive services to the public and eliminate confusion caused by having two very similar entities; and

WHEREAS, consolidating the commissions allows for better budgeting and more strategic allocation of resources which ensures that funds and personnel are directed where they are most needed; and

WHEREAS, merging the commissions can foster a culture of collaboration and innovation and eliminate cultures of division, differing visions, inconsistent rules, and differing enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Governor Landry has committed to getting rid of waste and reducing the amount of agencies in the state; and

WHEREAS, a thorough, data-informed evaluation of the commissions' statutory mandates, administrative operations, governance models, and regulatory practices, both in Louisiana and in other states, is necessary to determine whether such a consolidation would serve the public interest and improve industry oversight.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study and evaluate the merger of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The governor or his designee.
- (2) Two members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (3) Two members of the House Committee on Commerce appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) The attorney general or her designee.
- (5) Two commissioners of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission appointed by the chair of the commission.
- (6) Two commissioners of the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission appointed by the chair of the commission.
- (7) The president of the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association or his designee.

(8) A licensed new car dealer engaged in the business of selling new cars appointed by the governor.

(9) A licensed used car dealer engaged in the business of selling used cars appointed by the governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission shall serve as chairman of the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall review the feasibility of a merger between the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission which shall include but not be limited to the following components, with particular attention to comparative practices and lessons learned from other states that have undertaken similar evaluations or structural reforms:

(1) The composition, appointment process, qualifications, and governance structure of each commission's board, including how similar entities are structured in other states.

(2) The licensing, compliance, enforcement, and adjudication processes of each commission, with an emphasis on identifying any overlap, inconsistencies, or inefficiencies, and evaluation how such functions are integrated or streamlined in other jurisdictions.

(3) Internal administrative functions, including staffing models, training protocols, and overnight mechanisms, with reference to successful administrative practices used in comparable agencies elsewhere.

(4) Existing technological infrastructure and opportunities for modernization, including the use of online applications, centralized complaint tracking systems, and digital record keeping, and how other states have leveraged technology to improve regulatory efficiency.

(5) Budgetary and financial operations, including funding sources, expenditures, and the projected fiscal impact of consolidation or reorganization, informed by fiscal analyses conducted in other states.

(6) The consistency and clarity of applicable rules, such as those governing advertising, financing, and sales practices, including a review of how other states ensure regulatory uniformity across related services.

(7) Best practices and models from other states that have consolidated or restructured licensing and regulatory commission, including measurable outcomes, implementation challenges, and stakeholder responses.

(8) The perspectives of key stakeholders, including new and used motor vehicle dealers, consumer advocacy organizations, and relevant trade associations, as well as input from counterparts in other states who have undergone similar transitions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study a possible timeline for the merger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall solicit input, advice, and recommendations from the executive directors of each commission regarding the current day-to-day operations of the commissions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is authorized to request information, reports, documents, and assistance from any state agency or political subdivision, including the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission, as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall serve without compensation except for per diem or expenses to which they may be entitled as members of their organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial meeting of the task force shall take place no later than August 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission shall provide staff support to the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772 and to the House

Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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