



HJ0010

LRB098 08767 GRL 38893 r

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, As the population of the State of Illinois
3 continues to age, the State is seeing an increasing number of
4 senior drivers on the roads each year; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation, in
6 their latest published report showing 2009 data, reports there
7 were 1,230,503 licensed drivers over the age of 65 in Illinois,
8 which accounts for roughly 14% of all licensed drivers in
9 Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation 2009
11 report also shows there were 35,672 total crashes involving
12 drivers of the age 65 or older, providing for a crash rate of
13 29 out of every 1,000 drivers age 65 or older; and

14 WHEREAS, Drivers age 65 or older have a higher fatality
15 rate in Illinois than any other age group when involved in a
16 motor vehicle accident; and

17 WHEREAS, Senior drivers should never be discriminated
18 against, but their safety and protection should be reflected in
19 State law; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is hereby created the
3 Senior Drivers Safety Task Force that shall study safety issues
4 seniors face while driving in Illinois, with particular
5 attention to what can be done to prevent accidents involving
6 senior citizens in Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 13 members,
8 consisting of the Secretary of State or his or her designee,
9 who shall serve as chair; the Secretary of Transportation or
10 his or her designee; the Director of the State Police or his or
11 her designee; the President of the Illinois Association of
12 Chiefs of Police or his or her designee; the President of the
13 Illinois Medical Society or his or her designee; two members
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two
15 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
16 Representatives; two members appointed by the President of the
17 Senate; and two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 Senate; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Office of the Secretary of State shall
20 provide administrative and other support to the task force; the
21 members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but
22 shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the
23 performance of their duties from funds appropriated to the
24 Office of the Secretary of State for that purpose; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet no fewer than
3 three times and shall present its report and recommendations to
4 the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2014.