

CHAPTER 48

AN ACT to establish a teenage driver safety study commission.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. There is established a Teenage Driver Safety Study Commission. The commission shall consist of 15 members, to be appointed as follows:

a. By the Governor, seven members, one of whom shall be a member of the Driving School Association of New Jersey, one of whom shall be a representative from the AAA Clubs of New Jersey, and one of whom shall be a representative from a member company of the Insurance Council of New Jersey;

b. By the Senate President, four members of whom two shall be members of the Senate, no more than one of whom shall be of the same political party; and

c. By the Speaker of the General Assembly, four members of whom two shall be members of the General Assembly, no more than one of whom shall be of the same political party.

The appointed members, other than the members of the Senate and General Assembly, shall by training and experience have knowledge of and an interest in teenage driver safety, particularly relating to the issues of teenage driver education and training, driving under the influence, aggressive driving, defensive driving and accident prevention, and motor vehicle law enforcement.

Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

2. The commission shall organize as soon as possible after the appointment of its members and shall elect from among its members who are not members of the Senate or General Assembly a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

3. The commission shall study, examine, and review the issue of teenage driver safety in New Jersey. In conducting its inquiry, the commission shall study and evaluate the availability and effectiveness of driving education and training programs for New Jersey's teenagers, survey and assess the problems of driving under the influence and aggressive driving among teenagers, consider and evaluate the role and utilization of defensive driving and accident prevention programs, examine and analyze the type of motor vehicle violations that are contributing factors in teenage driving accidents, and such other issues and matters as the commission may deem appropriate to fulfill the scope of its charge.

4. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services and assistance of the officials and employees of the State and its political subdivisions and their departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, and agencies as it may require and as may be available to it for the purposes of the commission and may expend those funds as may be appropriated or otherwise made available to it for the purposes of its study.

5. The commission shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no more than six months following the first organizational meeting of the commission.

6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon the filing of the

commission's report to the Governor and Legislature in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this act.

Approved March 9, 2007.