

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

INSURANCE/AUTOMOBILE: Requests the Department of Insurance to study and make recommendations with respect to eliminating the state requirement for motor vehicle insurance and the approaches taken by other states with minimal or noncompulsory requirements

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Insurance to create an advisory task force to study  
3 and make recommendations with respect to eliminating the state requirement for  
4 motor vehicle insurance and the approaches taken by other states with minimal or  
5 noncompulsory requirements.

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana consistently ranks among the states with the highest motor  
7 vehicle insurance premiums in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, premiums for Louisiana residents typically average one thousand, three  
9 hundred dollars more per year than the national average for a full coverage policy and three  
10 hundred dollars more per year than the national average for a minimum coverage policy; and

11 WHEREAS, some states alleviate the financial burden related to motor vehicle  
12 insurance by requiring minimum coverage standards, or by offering residents the option to  
13 self-insure or forego insurance coverage; and

14 WHEREAS, Florida requires its residents to carry only liability coverage for property  
15 damage, but does not require personal injury protection; and

16 WHEREAS, the state of New Hampshire does not require insurance, but if a person  
17 opts out of insurance, the person must have sufficient funds to cover the financial  
18 responsibility requirements of a minimum coverage policy; and

19 WHEREAS, in Virginia, motor vehicle insurance is required, but drivers can opt out  
20 of coverage if they annually pay a five hundred dollar uninsured motorist fee; and

1           WHEREAS, until a more equitable and financially sustainable insurance  
2 environment is achieved for Louisiana, residents could use a respite from payments of the  
3 nation's highest motor vehicle insurance premiums.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5 urge and request the Department of Insurance to create an advisory task force to study and  
6 make recommendations with respect to eliminating the state requirement for motor vehicle  
7 insurance and the approaches taken by other states with minimal or noncompulsory  
8 requirements.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory task force shall be comprised of the  
10 following members:

- 11           (1) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.
- 12           (2) A representative of the Louisiana Association for Justice.
- 13           (3) A representative of Invest in Louisiana.
- 14           (4) A representative of the Consumer Federation of America.
- 15           (5) A representative of the Center for Economic and Social Justice.
- 16           (6) A representative of the Pelican Institute.
- 17           (7) A representative of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.
- 18           (8) A representative of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association.
- 19           (9) A representative of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Louisiana.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of insurance or his designee  
21 shall serve as the chairman of the task force and the staff of the Department of Insurance  
22 shall provide support to the task force.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
24 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be  
25 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of the representatives designated in  
2 this Resolution shall be submitted to the chairman of the task force by August 15, 2024, and  
3 the chairman shall thereafter call the first meeting of the task force by September 15, 2024.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and  
5 provide a written report of its findings from the study, together with any recommendations  
6 for legislation, to the House Committee on Insurance, the Senate Committee on Insurance,  
7 and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than February 1, 2025.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate upon the date of  
9 submission of its report.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 commissioner of insurance, the Louisiana Association for Justice, Invest in Louisiana, the  
12 Consumer Federation of America, the Center for Economic and Social Justice, the Pelican  
13 Institute, the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, the National Association  
14 of Mutual Insurance Companies, and the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of  
15 Louisiana.

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Specifies representatives of the task force and provides that representatives serve without compensation, except for such reimbursement or per diem they are individually entitled to as members of the constituent groups they represent.

Requests the task force to report its findings, with any recommendations for legislation, no later than Feb. 1, 2025.