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**REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES.**

WHEREAS, nationally, at the state and local government level, jurisdictions are examining the costs to the criminal justice system of the traffic citation warrant process; and

WHEREAS, currently traffic warrants represent more than one-half of all outstanding warrants; and

WHEREAS, research data collected has demonstrated that criminal traffic warrants do not deter a habitual traffic offender from disregarding traffic laws nor do they provide increased safety on the public highways; and

WHEREAS, some jurisdictions have amended their traffic codes to provide for civil penalties on traffic violations rather than criminal penalties and fines; and

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