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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 demonstrate 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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