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organized retail theft task force

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SENATE BILL 1411

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-191.13; RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-191.13, to read:

4 41-191.13. Organized retail theft task force; members;
5 duties; annual report

6 A. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT
7 TASK FORCE TO COMBAT CRIMES THAT RELATE TO STEALING, EMBEZZLING OR
8 OBTAINING RETAIL MERCHANDISE BY FRAUD, FALSE PRETENSES OR OTHER ILLEGAL
9 MEANS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RESELLING THE ITEMS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL
10 INVITE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE
11 IN THE TASK FORCE IN ORDER TO USE THE COMBINED SKILLS, EXPERTISE AND
12 RESOURCES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL MORE EFFECTIVELY.

13 B. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

14 1. ONE FULL TIME:

15 (a) PROSECUTOR.

16 (b) PARALEGAL.

17 (c) SUPPORT STAFF.

18 2. SIX INVESTIGATORS.

19 C. THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

20 1. MEET REGULARLY TO REVIEW CASES AND PROVIDE UPDATES ON ONGOING
21 CASES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

22 2. INVESTIGATE, APPREHEND AND RECOMMEND FOR PROSECUTION, AS
23 APPROPRIATE, INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PURCHASE,
24 SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF STOLEN PROPERTY FROM A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT OR
25 THROUGH THE USE OF AN INTERNET OR NETWORK SITE AND SHALL TARGET
26 INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES THAT ORGANIZE OR COMMIT THEFT AND OTHER PROPERTY
27 CRIMES FOR FINANCIAL GAIN.

28 3. INVESTIGATE OFFENSES OR VIOLATIONS THAT ARE UNDER THE ATTORNEY
29 GENERAL'S JURISDICTION AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 21-422.

30 4. REVIEW, INVESTIGATE AND RECOMMEND FOR PROSECUTION APPROPRIATE
31 CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THE TASK FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR
32 AUTHORIZED LOSS PREVENTION PERSONNEL IN THIS STATE.

33 5. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SUBMIT A
34 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE
35 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDE A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON
36 THE TASK FORCE'S ACTIVITIES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION
37 RELATING TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CRIMES THAT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
38 THIS STATE'S ECONOMY.