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CHAPTER 233

SENATE BILL 1547

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT TASK FORCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Section 1. Organized retail theft task force; powers and duties; definition

A. The organized retail theft task force is established. The task force shall consist of eleven members who are appointed in the following manner:

1. Two police chiefs who are appointed by the Arizona chiefs' of police association, one of whom represents a city or town with a population of one hundred thousand or more persons and one of whom represents a city or town with a population of less than one hundred thousand persons, or their designees.

2. Two sheriffs who are appointed by the Arizona sheriffs' association, one of whom represents a county with a population of five hundred thousand or more persons and one of whom represents a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons, or their designees.

3. The director of the department of public safety or the director's designee.

4. Two county attorneys who are appointed by the executive director of the Arizona prosecuting attorneys' advisory council, one of whom represents a county with a population of one million or more persons and one of whom represents a county with a population of less than one million persons, or their designees.

5. Four persons actively engaged in retail business in this state, two of whom are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom are appointed by the president of the senate.

B. Task force members are not eligible to receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

C. The task force shall:

1. Determine the scope of the problem of organized retail theft, including particular areas of this state where the problem is greatest.

2. Analyze the various methods of combating the problem of organized retail theft.

3. Determine recommendations for statutory changes regarding organized retail theft.

4. Facilitate this state's communication with the federal organized retail theft task force created within the federal bureau of investigation.

5. Identify the appropriate law enforcement agencies of this state to receive funding, if made available by the federal government for the purpose of fighting organized retail theft.

6. On or before December 1, 2008, report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

D. For the purpose of this section, "organized retail theft" means:

1. The stealing, embezzlement or obtaining by fraud, false pretenses or other illegal means, of retail merchandise for the purpose of reselling the items or for reentering the items into commerce.

2. The coordination, organization, facilitation or recruitment of persons to undertake such stealing, embezzlement or obtaining.

Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

This act is repealed from and after September 30, 2009.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 24, 2007.

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