

## ANTI CAR THEFT ACT OF 1992

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AN ACT To prevent and deter auto theft.

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### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Anti Car Theft Act of 1992”.

## TITLE I—TOUGHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST AUTO THEFT

### Subtitle A—Enhanced Penalties for Auto Theft

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【Subtitle B of title I was repealed by section 1111(b)(2) of Public Law 109–162】

### Subtitle C—Report Regarding State Motor Vehicle Titling Programs to Combat Motor Vehicle Thefts and Fraud

#### SEC. 140. [15 U.S.C. 2041 note] ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation and the Attorney General of the United States, working together, shall, as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act but not later than 180 days after such date, establish a task force to study problems which relate to motor vehicle ti-

ting, vehicle registration, and controls over motor vehicle salvage which may affect the motor vehicle theft problem. The study shall include an examination of the extent to which the absence of uniformity and integration in State laws regulating vehicle titling and registration and salvage of used vehicles allows enterprising criminals to find the weakest link to “wash” the stolen character of the vehicles. It shall also consider the adoption of a title brand on all certificates of title indicating that the applicable vehicle was previously issued a title brand or a title signifying “rebuilt”, “reconstructed”, or “flood”.

(2) REPORT.—The task force shall prepare a report containing the results of such study and shall submit such report to the President and the Congress and to the chief executive officer of each State not later than 12 months after the task force is established, together with appropriate recommendations to solve these problems.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist of—

(1) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s delegate;

(2) the Attorney General of the United States, or the Attorney General’s delegate;

(3) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s delegate;

(4) the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary’s delegate;

(5) at least 3 representatives, to be designated by the Attorney General of the United States;

(6) at least 5 representatives of State motor vehicle departments, to be designated by the Secretary of Transportation; and

(7) at least 1 representative, to be designated by the Secretary of Transportation, from each of the following groups:

(A) Motor vehicle manufacturers.

(B) Motor vehicle dealers and distributors.

(C) Motor vehicle dismantlers, recyclers, and salvage dealers.

(D) Motor vehicle repair and body shop operators.

(E) Motor vehicle scrap processors.

(F) Insurers of motor vehicles.

(G) State law enforcement officials.

(H) Local law enforcement officials.

(I) The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

(J) The National Insurance Crime Bureau.

(K) The National Committee on Traffic Laws and Ordinances.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—

(1) SALARY.—The members of the task force shall serve without pay.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—While away from their residences or regular places of business in performance of services for the Federal Government, members of the task force shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently

in the Federal Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) CHAIR.—The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's delegate, shall serve as chairman of the task force. The task force may also invite representatives of the Governors and State legislators to participate.

(d) REPORT.—

(1) BASIS.—The report required by subsection (a)(2) shall be made after a meaningful consultative process and review of existing laws, practices, studies, and recommendations regarding the problems specified in subsection (a)(1).

(2) CONTENT.—The report shall specify the key aspects of motor vehicle antitheft measures necessary to prevent the disposition or use of stolen motor vehicles, or the major components of motor vehicles, and to prevent insurance and other fraud based upon false reports of stolen motor vehicles. The report shall indicate any of the antitheft measures for which national uniformity would be crucial in order for the measure to be adequately effective. The report shall recommend viable ways of obtaining any national uniformity which is necessary.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The report also shall include other recommendations for legislative or administrative action at the State level or at the Federal level, and recommendations for industry and public actions.

## **TITLE II—AUTOMOBILE TITLE FRAUD<sup>1</sup>**

## **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS ON THEFT PREVENTION REGARDING “CHOP SHOP” RELATED THEFTS**

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## **TITLE IV—EXPORT OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILES**

### **SEC. 401. RANDOM CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS FOR STOLEN AUTOMOBILES BEING EXPORTED.**

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### **SEC. 402. [19 U.S.C. 1646b note] PILOT STUDY AUTHORIZING UTILITY OF NONDESTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION SYSTEM.**

The Secretary of the Treasury, acting through the Commissioner of Customs, shall conduct a pilot study of the utility of a nondestructive examination system to be used for inspection of containers that may contain automobiles leaving the country for the purpose of determining whether such automobiles have been stolen.

<sup>1</sup>Section 7(b) of Public Law 103-272, 108 Stat. 1379, July 5, 1994, repealed sections 201 through 204 without repealing the title heading.