

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 22

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Service Warranty Insurance Act; creating the Task Force on Service Warranty Insurance; stating purpose of Task Force; requiring recommendations; stating membership; providing for meetings, officers, staffing and travel reimbursement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Service Warranty Insurance Act was enacted during the first regular session of the Forty-fourth Legislature in order to license associations which sell service warranties; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Insurance currently licenses 52 service warranty associations; and

WHEREAS, regulation of the service warranty industry is intended to provide protection to Oklahoma consumers; and

WHEREAS, provisions found under Sections 6601 through 6639 contain a number of exclusions from the Act which may raise questions for both consumers and the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Forty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature requests that the Insurance Commissioner hold in abeyance the adoption of any new rules which may affect licensing of service warranty associations, until the Task Force on Service Warranty Insurance makes its recommendations.

THAT there is hereby created until December 12, 2003, the Task Force on Service Warranty Insurance. The purpose of the Task Force

is to study issues raised by exclusions from the Service Warranty Insurance Act, including statutory definitions, consumer protection and industry practices.

THAT the Task Force shall make recommendations to the Legislature by December 12, 2003, regarding any statutory changes which might be necessary to protect consumers and provide regulatory certainty to the industry.

THAT the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1. The Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner;
2. Three members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, as follows:
 - a. two members of the Oklahoma State Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as chair of the Task Force, and
 - b. one member representing a service warranty association; and
3. Three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, as follows:
 - a. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House to serve as co-chair of the Task Force, and
 - b. one member representing a service warranty association.

THAT the first meeting of the Task Force shall take place no later than October 6, 2003. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as specified in this resolution. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and by the State Department of Insurance.

THAT the members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve;

2. Agency members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by the employing agency in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Other members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner.

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