

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 674 By: Treat of the Senate  
3 and  
4 McCall of the House  
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6 An Act relating to crime and punishment; creating the  
7 Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force; providing  
8 sunset date; providing purpose; providing for  
9 membership; stating quorum; allowing election of  
10 chairperson and vice chairperson; requiring  
11 appointments and first meeting within certain  
12 timeframe; disallowing compensation; providing staff;  
13 authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain  
14 report; providing report requirements; providing for  
15 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
and insert:

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the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force;  
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for membership; stating quorum; allowing election of  
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timeframe; disallowing compensation; providing staff;  
authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain  
report; providing report requirements; providing for  
codification; and declaring an emergency.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2200 of Title 21, unless there  
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime  
6 Task Force until December 31, 2024. The purpose of the task force  
7 shall be to provide the Legislature and the Governor with  
8 information on organized retail crime and the advantages and  
9 drawbacks of instituting various countermeasures to counter losses  
10 from retail theft in the state.

11 B. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as  
12 follows:

13 1. Three members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
14 be an individual who represents state or local law enforcement;

15 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Oklahoma State Senate;

17 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
18 of Representatives;

19 4. One member appointed by the District Attorneys Council;

20 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants  
21 Association;

22 6. One member appointed by the State Chamber;

23 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

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1       8. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs  
2 of Police;

3       9. One member appointed by the Attorney General;

4       10. One member from the Convenience Distributors of Oklahoma;  
5 and

6       11. One member from the Oklahoma Grocers Association.

7       C. Quorum for official business of the task force shall be  
8 eight members. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be  
9 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

10       D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by the  
11 appointing authority no later than sixty (60) days after the  
12 effective date of this act. Appointed members shall, to the  
13 greatest extent practicable, have by education or experience,  
14 knowledge of organized retail theft. The chair shall hold the first  
15 meeting of the task force no later than ninety (90) days after the  
16 effective date of this act. Any vacancies in the membership of the  
17 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the  
18 initial appointment.

19       E. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation  
20 but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses  
21 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
22 State Travel Reimbursement Act. The task force shall be staffed by  
23 the Senate.

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1 F. The task force may consult with any organization, government  
2 entity, or person in the development of its report required pursuant  
3 to the provisions of subsection G of this section.

4 G. On or before December 15, 2024, the task force shall  
5 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of  
6 the Oklahoma State Senate, the Oklahoma Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives, and the chairs of the House and Senate committees  
8 that oversee public safety, a report containing, but not limited to,  
9 the following information based on available data:

10 1. A review of laws and regulations on organized retail crime  
11 used by other states, the federal government, and foreign countries  
12 to regulate the marketplace;

13 2. The use of organized retail theft's impact on state and  
14 local tax receipts;

15 3. The need for interagency coordination of public education  
16 and outreach and prevention programs for business owners; and

17 4. Legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to  
18 increase transparency and security, enhance consumer protections,  
19 prevent organized retail theft, and to address the long-term  
20 economic impact related to the prevalence of organized retail crime.

21 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
23 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
24 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of April, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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B. The task force shall consist of thirteen (13) members as  
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- 4 Senate;
- 5        3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 6 Representatives;
- 7        4. One member appointed by the District Attorneys Council;
- 8        5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants
- 9 Association;
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8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2023.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
14 2023.

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