

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 674

By: Treat of the Senate

and

McCall of the House

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10 An Act relating to crime and punishment; creating the
11 Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force; providing
12 sunset date; providing purpose; providing for
13 membership; stating quorum; allowing election of
14 chairperson and vice chairperson; requiring
15 appointments and first meeting within certain
16 timeframe; disallowing compensation; providing staff;
17 authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain
18 report; providing report requirements; providing for
19 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

24 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime
Task Force until December 31, 2024. The purpose of the task force
shall be to provide the Legislature and the Governor with

1 information on organized retail crime and the advantages and
2 drawbacks of instituting various countermeasures to counter losses
3 from retail theft in the state.

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

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

8 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate;

10 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives;

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

13 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants
14 Association;

15 6. One member appointed by the State Chamber;

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

17 8. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs
18 of Police;

19 9. One member appointed by the Attorney General;

20 10. One member from the Convenience Distributors of Oklahoma;

21 and

22 11. One member from the Oklahoma Grocers Association.
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1 C. Quorum for official business of the task force shall be
2 eight members. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be
3 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

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

13 E. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation
14 but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses
15 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the
16 State Travel Reimbursement Act. The task force shall be staffed by
17 the Senate.

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

21 G. On or before December 15, 2024, the task force shall
22 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of
23 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
24 chairs of the House and Senate committees that oversee public

1 safety, a report containing, but not limited to, the following
2 information based on available data:

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

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

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

10 4. Legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to
11 increase transparency and security, enhance consumer protections,
12 prevent organized retail theft, and to address the long-term
13 economic impact related to the prevalence of organized retail crime.

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

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