

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54
GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

WHEREAS, the operation of motor vehicles on our highways by persons while impaired constitutes a serious threat to the health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the fatal crashes on our highways are alcohol related; and the "Booze It and Lose It" program has made driving while impaired a major area of emphasis; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina must consider strong measures designed to deter and prevent the operation of motor vehicles by persons while impaired;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the laws and Constitution of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. Establishment.

The Governor's Task Force on Driving While Impaired is hereby reestablished. The Task Force shall be an ad hoc committee of the Governor's Highway Safety Commission. The Task Force shall be composed of not more than thirty-five members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall designate one of the members as Chair and one as Vice Chair. Additional members shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of law enforcement, the judicial system and the General Assembly.

Section 2. Meetings.

The Task Force shall meet regularly at the call of the Chair and may hold special meetings at any time at the call of the Chair or the Governor. The Task Force is authorized to conduct public hearings.

Section 3. Expenses.

Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for such necessary travel and subsistence expenses as are authorized by N.C.G.S. 138-5. Funds for reimbursement of such expenses shall be made available from funds authorized by the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Section 4. Duties.

The Task Force shall have the following duties:

- (a) Review the General Statutes of North Carolina applicable to driving while impaired;
- (b) Review proposals in other states designed to deter driving while impaired;
- (c) Consider legislative proposals to the North Carolina General Assembly;
- (d) Recommend actions to reduce driving while impaired; and
- (e) Other such duties as assigned by the Chair or the Governor.

Section 5. Reports.

The Task Force shall present an interim report to the Governor no later than May 14, 2004 and a final report no later than January 14, 2005. The Task Force shall be dissolved when its final report is presented to the Governor.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Done in the Capitol City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this 4th day of December, 2003.

Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State