

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 29, 2022

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States and the United States  
2 Environmental Protection Agency to take action and end  
3 regulations relating to vehicle emissions testing.

4 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States enacted the Clean  
5 Air Act in 1970, which authorized the United States  
6 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the National  
7 Ambient Air Quality Standards to protect public health and  
8 welfare and to regulate emissions of hazardous air pollutants;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Federal and state regulations have been promulgated  
11 under the Clean Air Act to limit emissions and regulate air  
12 pollution; and

13 WHEREAS, The EPA works with its Federal, state and tribal  
14 regulatory partners through a comprehensive clean air compliance  
15 monitoring program to ensure that regulated communities obey  
16 environmental laws and regulations through inspections and tools  
17 to help meet environmental regulatory requirements; and

18 WHEREAS, In October 1995, the Commonwealth announced

1 Pennsylvania's decentralized Vehicle Emissions Inspection and  
2 Maintenance Program that was designed to meet this  
3 Commonwealth's regional clean air goals; and

4 WHEREAS, By June 2004, 25 counties implemented a vehicle  
5 emission testing program, bringing this Commonwealth into  
6 compliance with the Clean Air Act; and

7 WHEREAS, Electric vehicles and diesel-powered vehicles are  
8 federally exempt from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and  
9 Maintenance Program; and

10 WHEREAS, Vehicle emissions tests are no longer effective at  
11 reducing air pollution due to new, fuel-efficient vehicles and a  
12 heightened focus and promised manufacturing support on fuel-  
13 efficient vehicles; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
16 States and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to  
17 take action and end regulations relating to vehicle emissions  
18 testing; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Governor to petition the  
21 Congress of the United States, the United States Department of  
22 Transportation and the United States Environmental Protection  
23 Agency to consider legislation or regulations that would reform,  
24 or end, emissions testing and eliminate unnecessary barriers  
25 that are being inflicted upon residents of this Commonwealth;  
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 the President of the United States, the Vice President of the  
29 United States, the United States Secretary of Energy, the  
30 presiding officers of Congress, the chair and ranking member of

1 the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation,  
2 the chair and ranking member of the Senate Committee on  
3 Environment and Public Works, the chair and ranking member of  
4 the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the chair and  
5 ranking member of the House Committee on Transportation and  
6 Infrastructure, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and  
7 the Governor.