
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND MAITLAND, JANUARY 25, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 25, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 6, 1994, as "55 Alive/Mature Driving Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The American Association of Retired Persons' (AARP)
4 founded in 1958, is the Nation's leading nonprofit, nonpartisan
5 organization that provides a vital fellowship for men and women
6 age 50 and older whether they are still actively employed,
7 semiretired or retired; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need to help older drivers improve
9 their skills and prevent traffic accidents, AARP offers to all
10 motorists age 50 and older the 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program,
11 an eight-hour classroom refresher course with a comprehensive
12 curriculum designed especially for the older motorist; and

13 WHEREAS, AARP's involvement in driver improvement education
14 for older Americans began in 1969 when in that year the
15 association commenced teaching the National Safety Council's

1 (NSC) Defensive Driving Course (DDC) to older Americans
2 nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Convinced that older drivers should have a training
4 program of their own, AARP decided to create one; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation
6 evaluated 55 Alive/Mature Driving and found a large and
7 statistically significant increase in knowledge in the treatment
8 group that was retrained during the entire evaluation period;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Legislation has been enacted in 33 states, including
11 Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, which requires all
12 automobile insurance companies conducting business in those
13 states to provide a premium discount to graduates of State-
14 approved driver improvement courses. AARP's 55 Alive/Mature
15 Driving Program is approved in every state; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 6,
17 1994, as "55 Alive/Mature Driving Day" in Pennsylvania in
18 recognition of the major contribution of this program for driver
19 safety.