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MARSICO, PETRI, MURT, WATSON, GROVE, FLECK AND QUINN,
MARCH 10, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating the Harley-Davidson motorcycle as the official State
2 motorcycle of Pennsylvania.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 WHEREAS, In 1903, the first production Harley-Davidson
5 motorcycle was made available to the public; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded by William S. Harley, Arthur Davidson,
7 Walter Davidson and William A. Davidson, the first Harley-
8 Davidson factory was erected in 1906 on Chestnut Street in
9 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where it remains today as Harley-
10 Davidson's corporate headquarters; and

11 WHEREAS, The initial Harley-Davidson motorcycle was designed
12 for use in a regular pedal bicycle frame and, when first put to
13 use, was deemed incapable of conquering the modest hills of
14 Milwaukee; and

15 WHEREAS, The prototype became functional in 1904 and placed

1 fourth in competition in a motorcycle race held at the Milwaukee
2 State Fair Park; and

3 WHEREAS, The first issue of "*The Enthusiast*," a Harley-
4 Davidson publication, was first printed in 1916 and would go on
5 to become the longest continuously published motorcycle magazine
6 in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1917, approximately one-third of all Harley-
8 Davidson motorcycles produced were sold to the United States
9 Armed Forces; and

10 WHEREAS, The Quartermasters School, a department of Harley-
11 Davidson devoted to training military mechanics on Harley-
12 Davidson motorcycles, opened for business in July 1917 and would
13 later become the Service School; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1918, nearly half of all Harley-Davidson
15 motorcycles produced were sold for use by the United States
16 military during World War I and were in high demand for combat
17 service in the war effort, and is estimated that the United
18 States Army utilized approximately 20,000 Harley-Davidson
19 motorcycles during World War I; and

20 WHEREAS, The Harley Owners Group (HOG) was founded in 1920 to
21 promote camaraderie and loyalty among Harley-Davidson
22 enthusiasts and, that same year, Harley-Davidson became the
23 largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1921, the Harley-Davidson motorcycle was the
25 first motorcycle ever to win a race at an average speed of more
26 than 100 miles per hour; and

27 WHEREAS, The largest Harley-Davidson manufacturing facility,
28 which opened in 1973, is located in York in the Township of
29 Springettsbury and performs a myriad of manufacturing operations
30 from machining, polishing and chrome plating to forming, welding

1 and painting; and

2 WHEREAS, The \$31 million state-of-the-art paint facility
3 opened its doors at the York plant in 1992; and

4 WHEREAS, The two facilities together employ approximately
5 2,650 people; and

6 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson's York Vehicle Operations makes more
7 than 60% of the company's motorcycles; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the years, thousands of Harley-Davidson
9 enthusiasts have trekked to York to witness firsthand the living
10 legacy of Harley-Davidson USA; and

11 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson recognizes York, Pennsylvania as the
12 "Factory Tour Capital" of the world; and

13 WHEREAS, William S. Harley, Arthur Davidson, Walter Davidson
14 and William A. Davidson were inducted into the Labor Hall of
15 Fame because of their dedicated employees who produced quality
16 motorcycles, and Harley-Davidson continues to sustain a loyal
17 brand community which remains active through clubs, events and
18 its museum; and

19 WHEREAS, The Harley-Davidson motorcycle is a true-blue
20 American iron horse manufactured in Pennsylvania by American
21 workers using American steel.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Official State motorcycle.

25 The Harley-Davidson motorcycle is selected, designated and
26 adopted as the official State motorcycle of Pennsylvania.

27 Section 2. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 60 days.