
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PYLE, RAPP, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, SACCONI, SONNEY, SWANGER,
TALLMAN AND TOBASH, JUNE 13, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Governor Tom Corbett to terminate the 3rd party emergency
2 dispatch pilot program on behalf of the Commonwealth's towing
3 companies, towers and first responders.

4 WHEREAS, In 2011, the Pennsylvania State Police began looking
5 at implementing a program of 3rd party vendor dispatching for
6 emergency towing; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Pennsylvania State Police issued a
8 request for proposal to solicit interested businesses to submit
9 proposals to conduct a 3rd party vendor dispatching pilot
10 program; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police indicated that only
12 three entities submitted proposals; and

13 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2013, the Pennsylvania State Police
14 accepted a proposal submitted by a 3rd party vendor located in
15 California; and

1 WHEREAS, A contract was signed between the Pennsylvania State
2 Police and the vendor to conduct a pilot program beginning in
3 the northwestern part of this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The vendor began work in October and dispatched a
5 first tow on December 3, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the initiation of the 3rd party vendor
7 emergency dispatch program, many towing businesses and first
8 responders throughout this Commonwealth have expressed both
9 reservations and concerns about the implementation of the pilot
10 program; and

11 WHEREAS, A joint public hearing was conducted on the issue on
12 May 14, 2014, by both the Veterans Affairs and Emergency
13 Preparedness and Judiciary Committees of the House of
14 Representatives; and

15 WHEREAS, Testimony was provided by the Pennsylvania State
16 Police, the vendor and the Pennsylvania Towing Association, as
17 well as towers from the industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Several members from among the committees at the
19 joint public hearing have strongly expressed concern that the
20 3rd party emergency towing dispatch pilot program should be
21 terminated and that strong consideration should instead be
22 directed at utilizing Pennsylvanian's county 911 dispatch
23 centers, which currently dispatch police, fire and EMS services
24 across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge
26 Governor Tom Corbett to terminate the 3rd party emergency
27 dispatch pilot program on behalf of the Commonwealth's towing
28 companies, towers and first responders; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
30 interest in examining the use of the Commonwealth's county 911

1 dispatch centers; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives respectfully
3 request that the Governor establish a select committee made up
4 of representatives from the following areas of interest: the
5 Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
6 Agency, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania,
7 county 911 dispatchers, the Pennsylvania Towing Association, the
8 Towing and Recovery Association of America, the Pennsylvania
9 Association of Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania
10 Association of Boroughs; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
12 Governor.