
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the 25th anniversary of the Automobile
2 Theft Prevention Authority.

3 WHEREAS, In 1992, Pennsylvania ranked second in the nation
4 among states in the cost of automobile theft and insurance
5 fraud; and

6 WHEREAS, Insurers assumed the task of devising a program to
7 implement efforts to combat automobile theft and coordinate to
8 combat insurance fraud in the most comprehensive manner; and

9 WHEREAS, This led to the formation of the Pennsylvania Anti
10 Car Theft Committee (PACT), consisting of representatives from
11 the insurance industry, law enforcement, the business community,
12 the banking industry and a cross section of individuals and
13 other companies; and

14 WHEREAS, PACT advocated for and assisted in drafting
15 legislation that made a number of changes to help reduce the
16 instances of automobile theft and insurance fraud in this
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1994, the General Assembly passed the Automobile

1 Theft Prevention Act which created the Automobile Theft
2 Prevention Authority (ATPA); and

3 WHEREAS, Though other states had their own versions of ATPA,
4 Pennsylvania implemented a unique funding measure that would
5 assess premiums and not charge the policyholder or add a fee to
6 the driver's registration fee; and

7 WHEREAS, PACT was designated to oversee the nomination of
8 members of the ATPA Board of Directors; and

9 WHEREAS, ATPA was provided the ability to independently carry
10 out the provisions of the Automobile Theft Prevention Act; and

11 WHEREAS, As of 2017, Pennsylvania ranks in the bottom
12 quartile of states for the rate of automobile theft, well below
13 the average for the United States; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and honor the 25th
15 anniversary of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority.