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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 208

Requesting the Department of Environmental Quality to consult with the Environmental Protection Agency to identify and implement ways to increase the use of on-road remote sensing of vehicle emissions. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2006

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2006

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency requires Northern Virginia localities to test vehicle emissions and have those vehicles that exceed acceptable standards repaired; and

WHEREAS, the current inspection and maintenance program developed by the Department of Environmental Quality requires automobile owners to have their vehicles tested on a biennial basis; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality has recently promulgated regulations to administer an on-road emissions testing program using remote-sensing devices; and

WHEREAS, such on-road testing can both prescreen clean vehicles to avoid traditional inspections and identify gross polluters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Environmental Quality be requested to consult with the Environmental Protection Agency to identify and implement ways to increase the use of on-road remote sensing of vehicle emissions. The Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, is further requested to identify gross polluters and increase the percentage of vehicles that may be prescreened using on-road remote sensing of vehicle emissions in the Northern Virginia nonattainment area and include information on associated costs and air quality benefits and impacts.

The Department of Environmental Quality shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the requests of this resolution no later than the first day of the 2007 and 2008 Regular Sessions of the General Assembly. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted for publication as report documents as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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