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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 579

Offered January 20, 1997

Requesting the Department of Transportation and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission study the procedures for identifying and funding the improvement of hazardous roadway sites.

Patrons—Armstrong and Day; Senator: Reynolds

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the highways of the Commonwealth are intended to provide safe and efficient motor vehicle transit for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the highways in the Commonwealth are well designed, constructed and maintained; and

WHEREAS, certain highways in the Commonwealth are hazardous to motorists due to poor design, deterioration, lack of maintenance, or difficult terrain ; and

WHEREAS, such hazardous roadway sites include, for example, excessively sharp curves, improperly marked or controlled intersections, improper signage, unsafe bridges, absence of traffic signals, and other similar roadway hazards; and

WHEREAS, hazardous roadway sites lead to a disproportionate number of motor vehicle accidents resulting in injury and death to motor vehicle drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, hazardous roadway sites located near the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 605 and U.S. Route 220 in Franklin County and near the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 902 and U.S. Route 220 near Ridgeway have contributed to several motor vehicle accidents resulting in death or injury; and

WHEREAS, a system for the identification, correction, and funding of hazardous roadway sites throughout the Commonwealth needs to be established to prevent needless deaths and injuries due to motor vehicle accidents at such sites; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission be requested to study the procedures for identifying and funding the improvement of hazardous roadway sites.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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