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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 229

Requesting the Department of Transportation to study traffic calming measures for high-density traffic areas.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 1998

Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 1998

WHEREAS, in many areas of the Commonwealth, particularly those experiencing rapid population growth, explosive growth in traffic volume forces large number of vehicles onto roads not designed or built to handle high-density traffic; and

WHEREAS, many of these roads are located in residential areas where high-density traffic is not merely a noisy nuisance, but often an actual danger; and

WHEREAS, among the worst and most wide-spread manifestations of this phenomenon is cut-through traffic operating, often at high speed, through residential subdivisions and other areas not intended for traffic of that sort; and

WHEREAS, there exist several measures that have, in some locations, shown promise in reducing and calming such cut-through traffic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to study traffic calming measures for high-density traffic areas. In conducting its study, the Department shall consider, but not necessarily be limited to: installation of speed bumps, establishment of one-way traffic patterns, division of through-streets into abutting cul-de-sacs, creation of four-way stop intersections, and reduction of speed limits. The Department shall solicit and consider comments and suggestions from local governments, planning districts, homeowners' associations, and other community groups.

The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1999 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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