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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 551

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*Directing the Virginia State Crime Commission to study the effectiveness of vehicle seizure in reducing re-arrest among recalcitrant drunk drivers.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, many people who have been convicted of drunk driving are seemingly impervious to traditional sanctions and continue to drive, despite the fact their licenses have been suspended or revoked; and

WHEREAS, there are increased public safety hazards, including innocent deaths across the Commonwealth every year, as a result of repeated violations of both driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license; and

WHEREAS, currently there are campaigns in several states and in the United States Congress to promulgate laws which employ the seizure of the vehicles of recalcitrant drunk drivers in order to ensure compliance with the suspension of driving privileges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission be directed to conduct a study of the effectiveness of vehicle seizure in reducing re-arrest among recalcitrant drunk drivers. The study shall investigate (i) the feasibility of implementing such a program in the Commonwealth, (ii) the benefits of vehicle seizure, and (iii) the effectiveness of any such programs in other states.

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

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 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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