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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

ENDORISING THE DELAWARE STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING
FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES ON DELAWARE'S ROADWAYS.

1 WHEREAS, traffic deaths have remained roughly constant in Delaware over the last 20 years, averaging over 120
2 fatalities each year; and

3 WHEREAS, according to a Delaware State Police report, in 2020, a reportable crash occurred in Delaware every
4 22 minutes, and one person was injured every 73 minutes in traffic crashes; and

5 WHEREAS, motor vehicle deaths are the leading cause of death of teenagers nationally; and

6 WHEREAS, the number of fatal crashes in Delaware is highest among 25-34 year old drivers; and

7 WHEREAS, a quarter of all traffic deaths in Delaware, based on 2015 to 2019 crash data, are pedestrians, and the
8 risk of dying while walking is greatest among the poorest and most vulnerable Delawareans; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2019, Delaware's vehicle death rate was 13.58 for every 100,000 people, higher than the national
10 average of 11.90; and

11 WHEREAS, per capita fatal motor vehicle crashes are significantly lower in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New
12 Jersey compared to Delaware; and

13 WHEREAS, the goal of the 2021-2025 Delaware Strategic Highway Safety Plan is to reduce the total number of
14 traffic deaths by at least 50% by 2035; and

15 WHEREAS, the State is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in safety improvements, initiatives, and projects
16 each year in pursuit of the "Towards Zero Deaths" vision.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
19 Representatives concurring therein, that the Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware State Police, and the Office
20 of Highway Safety shall make every effort to reduce the five-year rolling average of traffic deaths in Delaware to less than
21 100 by 2025;

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the number of traffic deaths in 2025, do not meet the above
23 goals, Department of Transportation, Delaware State Police, and Office of Highway Safety shall reprogram funds to more
24 quickly advance engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency service projects whose primary purpose is to reduce
25 traffic deaths and serious injury type crashes.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution endorses the Delaware Strategic Highway Safety Plan's overall objective of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 15 percent between 2021 and 2025 to ultimately reach a goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on Delaware's roadways and directs the Department of Transportation, Delaware State Police and Office of Highway Safety to adjust their programs if necessary to meet that goal.

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