
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 694 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, KORTZ, HILL-EVANS, MOUL, T. DAVIS,
ZIMMERMAN, M. K. KELLER, READSHAW, KAUFFMAN, BARRAR, PICKETT,
MILLARD, MASSER, STAATS, NEILSON, JAMES, KINSEY, MARKOSEK,
SAYLOR, CIRESI, GROVE, WHEELAND AND JONES, MARCH 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 5, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the Harley-Davidson motorcycle as the official State
2 motorcycle of Pennsylvania.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 WHEREAS, In 1903, the first production Harley-Davidson
5 motorcycle was made available to the public; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded by William S. Harley, Arthur Davidson,
7 Walter Davidson and William A. Davidson, the first Harley-
8 Davidson factory was erected in 1906 on Chestnut Street in
9 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where it remains today as Harley-
10 Davidson's corporate headquarters; and

11 WHEREAS, The initial Harley-Davidson motorcycle was designed
12 for use in a regular pedal bicycle frame and, when first put to
13 use, was deemed incapable of conquering the modest hills of
14 Milwaukee; and

15 WHEREAS, The prototype became functional in 1904 and placed
16 fourth in competition in a motorcycle race held at the State
17 Fair Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

1 WHEREAS, "*The Enthusiast*," a Harley-Davidson publication, was
2 first issued in 1916 and would go on to become the longest
3 continuously published motorcycle magazine in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1917, approximately one-third of all Harley-
5 Davidson motorcycles produced were sold to the United States
6 Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The Quartermaster School, a department of Harley-
8 Davidson devoted to training military mechanics on Harley-
9 Davidson motorcycles, opened for business in July 1917 and would
10 later become the Service School; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1918, nearly half of all Harley-Davidson
12 motorcycles produced were sold for use by the United States
13 military during World War I and were in high demand for combat
14 service in the war effort; and

15 WHEREAS, It is estimated that the United States Army utilized
16 approximately 20,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles during World
17 War I; and

18 WHEREAS, The Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) was founded in 1983
19 to promote camaraderie and loyalty among Harley-Davidson
20 enthusiasts and, that same year, Harley-Davidson became the
21 largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1921, the Harley-Davidson motorcycle was the
23 first motorcycle to win a race at an average speed of more than
24 100 miles per hour; and

25 WHEREAS, The largest Harley-Davidson manufacturing facility,
26 which opened in 1973, is located in Springettsbury Township,
27 York County, and performs a myriad of manufacturing operations
28 from machining, polishing and chrome plating to forming, welding
29 and painting; and

30 WHEREAS, The \$31 million state-of-the-art paint facility

1 opened its doors at the York plant in 1992; and

2 WHEREAS, The two facilities together employ approximately
3 2,650 people; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the years, thousands of Harley-Davidson
5 enthusiasts have trekked to York to witness firsthand the living
6 legacy of Harley-Davidson USA; and

7 WHEREAS, William S. Harley, Arthur Davidson, Walter Davidson
8 and William A. Davidson were inducted into the Labor Hall of
9 Fame because of their dedicated employees who produced quality
10 motorcycles; and

11 WHEREAS, Harley-Davidson continues to sustain a loyal brand
12 community which remains active through clubs, events and the
13 Harley-Davidson Museum; and

14 WHEREAS, The Harley-Davidson motorcycle is a true-blue
15 American iron horse manufactured in Pennsylvania by American
16 workers using American steel.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Official State motorcycle.

20 The Harley-Davidson motorcycle is selected, designated and
21 adopted as the official State motorcycle of Pennsylvania.

22 Section 2. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect in 60 days.