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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 7, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 19, 2024, as "National Move Over Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Under Pennsylvania law, drivers are required to move  
4 over by switching lanes when passing emergency vehicles and, if  
5 they cannot move over, drivers must slow down to 20 miles per  
6 hour under the speed limit; and

7 WHEREAS, The law applies to emergency vehicles with lights  
8 flashing, to road crews or emergency crews with flares lit or  
9 other signage posted, tow trucks providing emergency assistance  
10 or any other disabled vehicle with at least two emergency  
11 displays; and

12 WHEREAS, Emergency displays may include hazard lights,  
13 caution signs, flares or other indicators; and

14 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers, firefighters, public  
15 service utility workers, emergency medical personnel, highway  
16 crews and tow truck drivers conduct valuable and often  
17 lifesaving operations on the side of the road; and

1       WHEREAS, These workers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a  
2 week, in all weather events and dangerous situations and risk  
3 their lives helping other people; and

4       WHEREAS, With limited room on the sides of roads and  
5 highways, these workers can be in danger from passing cars and  
6 debris; and

7       WHEREAS, Across the country, emergency workers, incident  
8 responders and highway workers are put at risk, which can result  
9 in preventable injury or death; and

10       WHEREAS, The towing industry is deadlier than all other  
11 private industries combined, according to the Centers for  
12 Disease Control and Prevention; and

13       WHEREAS, While all 50 states have "Slow Down, Move Over"  
14 laws, fewer than 30% of Americans know these laws, according to  
15 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

16       WHEREAS, There is a need for the public to be educated on the  
17 dangers of failing to abide by these laws; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 19, 2024, as  
19 "National Move Over Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate remind drivers of their  
21 responsibility to keep our roadways safe for everyone.