

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2000 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-52-2000

Proposed by Council Member Estep

Introduced by Council Member Estep

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction September 26, 2000

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Aggressive Driving

3 For the purpose of requesting that the General Assembly enact legislation that will provide for
4 the punishment of persons who engage in aggressive driving in Maryland.

5 WHEREAS, the combination of excessive speed and failure to obey existing rules of the
6 road as enacted by law create an extremely hazardous motoring environment on Maryland
7 highways; and

8 WHEREAS, the high volumes of traffic using Maryland highways require each driver to
9 observe the established rules of the road to facilitate the safe and efficient flow of traffic; and

10 WHEREAS, the size, weight, sight lines, and stopping distances of trucks and large
11 passenger vehicles sharing Maryland highways increase the potential for collisions in congested
12 conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, the size and weight of trucks involved in collisions with smaller vehicles
14 increase the amount and severity of damage and increase the likelihood of serious injury or death
15 to the occupants of smaller vehicles; and

16 WHEREAS, existing rules of the road enacted into law are inadequate to define the threat
17 of aggressive driving and the punishments provided for the violations of the rules of the road are
18 inadequate to act as a deterrent to aggressive driving; and

19 WHEREAS, the enactment of specific aggressive driving statutes by the State of Arizona
20 has provided state and local law enforcement officers appropriate charges for violations that fit
21 the unique threat to public safety brought about by aggressive drivers and provided prosecutors
22 and judges with appropriate sentencing options to impose upon persons convicted of aggressive

1 driving.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
3 County, Maryland, that the General Assembly of Maryland is requested and encouraged to enact
4 appropriate legislation that would define aggressive driving and provide enhanced minimum
5 penalties for violations that are proportionate to the increased risk of death and serious injury
6 associated with aggressive driving.

Adopted this 24th day of October, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council