

TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2015

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, LUZERNE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 535, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RANDY VULAKOVICH (R-ALLEGHENY/BUTLER), AND HOUSE BILL 71, INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRY READSHAW (D-ALLEGHENY), ENABLING ALL MUNICIPAL POLICE TO USE THE SAME MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT AS THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

WHEREAS, public protection is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

WHEREAS, municipal police and the Pennsylvania State Police are statutorily authorized to protect the public primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code (Title 18) and Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75); and

WHEREAS, all of the tools of law enforcement available to the Pennsylvania State Police are also available to municipal police, one notable exception, that being radar; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America that gives its municipal police an enforcement mandate and then prohibits them from using a common and effective piece of speed-timing equipment that the Pennsylvania State Police are permitted to use; and

WHEREAS, the inability of municipal police to use radar has resulted in uneven enforcement of the maximum speed laws across Pennsylvania, as well as contributed to Pennsylvania's distinction as the state with the third highest number of speed-related vehicle fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related vehicle fatalities in the country; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Township of Hanover on this 10 day of August, 2015 calls upon the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and specifically, Senator John Yudichak, and Representative Gerald Mullery, to support Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71, which bills would enable all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed-timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police.

BE IT ENACTED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hanover this 10th day of August, 2015.

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ATTEST:


DONNA MAKARCZYK, SECRETARY


ALBERT J. BAGUSKY, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS