

A RESOLUTION urging the Transportation Cabinet and Department of Kentucky State Police to study the effect of horse-drawn wagons on the safety and condition of public highways and to suggest statutory changes.

WHEREAS, the highways of the Commonwealth, in addition to serving as carriers of motor vehicles, also serve as a conduit for nonmotorized transportation, particularly horse-drawn wagons; and

WHEREAS, recent increases in the number of horse-drawn wagons in rural areas have raised concerns regarding the safety of these vehicles on what are often narrow and winding roads; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the wear and tear on roads caused by iron wheeled wagons is also a point of concern among those with the responsibility for maintaining the roads; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking legislative action, it is prudent for the General Assembly to solicit the opinion of those agencies responsible for highway maintenance and traffic safety;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby urges the Transportation Cabinet and the Department of Kentucky State Police to jointly examine the issue of horse-drawn wagons on public highways and their effect on traffic safety and road conditions. The study should examine existing statutes and administrative regulations and how well they protect the Commonwealth's roads and the traveling public. The study should also include recommendations for statutory changes that the agencies feel are necessary to help protect the safety of motorists and reduce the damage caused by these vehicles. The House of Representatives requests that the study be submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation by October 31, 2016.