

## House Resolution 1323

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Tow Truck Rapid Response Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, citizens of the metropolitan areas of this state lose many hours of otherwise  
3 productive time sitting in traffic on our expressways waiting for an accident or disabled  
4 vehicle to be cleared; and
- 5 WHEREAS, certain locations are easily identifiable as sites of frequent accidents as, for  
6 example, Atlanta's "Down Town Connector," which in 1997 saw 1,585 crashes for a daily  
7 average of 4.3 crashes along its four mile length, while Atlanta's "Top End Connector"  
8 experienced 1,408 crashes, or 3.8 crashes per day along its 6.5 mile length; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the wait for a tow truck to clear the accident is frequently maddening long for  
10 the law enforcement officers investigating the accident, the drivers involved in the accident,  
11 and the hundreds of drivers who have no recourse but to creep with other traffic past the site  
12 of the crash; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the cost of these long waits can be tolled in frustration, lost work production,  
14 and even greater than normal degradation of air quality as cars, trucks, and vans creep and  
15 idle for long periods of time; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is time to consider requiring the Department of Transportation and the  
17 Department of Motor Vehicle Safety to institute a program to ensure the rapid dispatch of  
18 two trucks in identified areas identified as high crash areas by stationing an appropriate  
19 number of tow trucks in strategic locations.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 there is created the House Tow Truck Rapid Response Study Committee to be composed of  
22 seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House

1 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
2 of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
4 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
5 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
6 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
7 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
8 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
9 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
10 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
11 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
12 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
13 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
14 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The  
15 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2002.