

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Rules

A RESOLUTION

1 **Encouraging the repeal of the Anchorage Vehicle Inspection and Management Program.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, the Anchorage Assembly and Fairbanks North Star borough
4 Assembly implemented vehicle inspection and management programs in response to air
5 quality concerns regarding excessive amounts of carbon monoxide; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Anchorage and Fairbanks programs required annual testing of
7 automobile emissions to ensure that air quality levels in Anchorage and Fairbanks would be in
8 compliance with standards imposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, in response to substantially lowered levels of carbon monoxide, the
11 programs were amended in 1995 to require only biennial emissions testing; and

12 **WHEREAS** Fairbanks emissions levels have been in compliance with state and
13 federal air quality regulations since 2000, and Anchorage has not exceeded air quality
14 standards since 1996; and

15 **WHEREAS** advancements in automotive technology have significantly reduced
16 emissions in newer automobiles, thereby negating the need for the Anchorage and Fairbanks

1 vehicle inspection and management programs; and

2 **WHEREAS** the cost of inspection and repairs imposes an unnecessary burden on
3 vehicle owners; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in November 2007, the Anchorage Assembly determined that the
5 program was no longer necessary and voted to end the program, effective January 1, 2010;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS** the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly also voted to terminate the
8 program at the end of the 25-year tenure of the program; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in July 2008, in spite of public protest, the Anchorage Assembly
10 rescinded its 2007 decision and reinstated the vehicle inspection and management program;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives requests that the Anchorage
12 Assembly rescind its decision to reinstate the vehicle inspection and management program
13 and encourages the repeal of the program because the program imposes an unnecessary
14 burden on motorists.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Daniel S. Sullivan, Mayor of
16 the Municipality of Anchorage, and to each member of the Anchorage Assembly.