

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 77

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges President and Congress of US to enact legislation requiring certain delivery vehicles to have air-conditioning unit.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the President and Congress of the
 2 United States to enact legislation requiring certain delivery
 3 vehicles to have an air-conditioning unit.

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 5 **WHEREAS**, Many, especially older, small delivery vans and trucks,
 6 having a box-style, walk-in cargo area used in the commercial
 7 delivery of goods or services throughout the United States, do not
 8 have an air-conditioning unit; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Drivers of these vans and trucks may be seriously affected
 10 by the lack of an air-conditioning unit during periods of extreme
 11 heat; and

12 **WHEREAS**, For example, Ms. Peggy Frank of Los Angeles, California,
 13 a former employee of the United States Postal Service (USPS), was
 14 a public servant just two years away from retirement; and

15 **WHEREAS**, In July 2018, she was delivering mail along her route in
 16 the San Fernando Valley during a 117-degree day, when she passed
 17 away from heat exhaustion due to the fact that the USPS delivery
 18 vehicle she was driving did not have an air-conditioning unit; and

19 **WHEREAS**, In response to this tragedy, United States Representative
 20 Tony Cardenas of California introduced H.R. 1299, which requires
 21 any delivery vehicle owned or leased by the USPS to have an air-
 22 conditioning unit so that USPS workers are safe during periods of
 23 extreme heat; and

24 **WHEREAS**, If enacted, H.R. 1299, named the “Peggy Frank Memorial
 25 Act” to honor the memory of Ms. Frank, will require that, within
 26 three years of the date of enactment, every existing USPS delivery
 27 vehicle is to be modified to have an air-conditioning unit; and

28 **WHEREAS**, H.R. 1299 also provides that, on or after the date of
 29 enactment, the Postmaster General of the United States may not
 30 purchase or lease any delivery vehicle for use by the USPS unless
 31 that vehicle has an air-conditioning unit; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Basic technology should be provided to protect the safety
 33 of drivers of not only USPS delivery vehicles, but also other types
 34 of delivery vans and trucks, who are delivering goods or services
 35 to the nation through all types of extreme weather; and

36 **WHEREAS**, In the interest of public health and safety, this House urges
 37 the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation
 38 requiring these vans and trucks be equipped with an air-
 39 conditioning unit; now, therefore,

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 41 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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 43 1. This House respectfully urges the President and Congress of
 44 the United States to enact legislation which requires, within three
 45 years of the date of enactment, that every existing delivery van or
 46 truck registered in the United States with a box-style, walk-in cargo

1 area up to 18-feet long that is used in the commercial delivery of
2 goods or services, be modified to have an air-conditioning unit and
3 that, on or after the date of enactment, every such delivery van or
4 truck manufactured for operation within the United States have an air-
5 conditioning unit.

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7 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
8 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President
9 and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority
10 Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Minority
11 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and every
12 member of Congress from New Jersey.

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15 STATEMENT
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17 This resolution respectfully urges the President and Congress of
18 the United States to enact legislation which requires, within three
19 years of the date of the bill's enactment, that every existing delivery
20 van or truck registered in the United States with a box-style, walk-
21 in cargo area up to 18-feet long used in the commercial delivery of
22 goods or services, be modified to have an air-conditioning unit and
23 that, on or after the date of enactment of the bill, every such delivery
24 van or truck manufactured for operation within the United States have
25 an air-conditioning unit.