

HB 1333 Testimony

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HB 1333 - Motor Vehicles - Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties

Do Not Support

I DO NOT SUPPORT HB1333 as it adds additional penalties to a violation of one of the “tools in our toolbox” to prevent accidents. All on-road vehicles could be affected by this penalty provision. The stock configuration of vehicles does not produce the optimum performance or configuration for all people. Some people seek performance enhancements for additional power for towing, long distance cruising/riding, comfort, better fuel economy, and some for plain personalization of their vehicle. The penalties attached to this bill will severely affect the aftermarket parts market and will have a detrimental effect on safety. I DO NOT SUPPORT HB 1333 - Motor Vehicles - Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties. I urge the committee to consider an UnFavorable vote.

Chairman Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I respectfully ask that you not support this bill and vote for an unfavorable report. There are many reasons an individual may alter the factory exhaust system of a vehicle and many do nothing more than increase the efficiency of the vehicle. With the current fervor to increase Miles Per Gallon of vehicles I would like to give you my personal experience. I had my stock mufflers on my motorcycle changed which had a negligible effect on the decibel level but increased my MPG by 5 MPG. This change took place at the very end of the system and did nothing to change the emissions. By my calculations I have saved over 150 gallons of gas in the life of this motorcycle alone. Please do not restrict individuals abilities to make their vehicles more efficient or fit the vehicle to their personal need and preferences.

Also, as a concerned rider who lived in Maryland but has since moved to Pennsylvania because of the anti-motorcycle bias so prevalent in Maryland I do not want to face fines for riding my legal Pennsylvania motorcycle in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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