

## A Bill to Fund Initiatives to Recycle Pickle Brine for Use as a De-icer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion \$500 million a year for each of the next five years to the  
3 Department of Transportation for the express purpose of funding initiatives in jurisdictions  
4 throughout the United States and its territories that will recycle pickle brine for reuse as a  
5 de-icer of roadways and/or sidewalks. Jurisdictions are encouraged to make use of and  
6 expand upon existing recycling infrastructure for these purposes.

7 **SECTION 2.** Pickle brine is defined as liquid with a salinity of at least 3.5% that is used to pickle and  
8 preserve cucumbers and other vegetables. Jurisdictions applying for this funding from the  
9 Department of Transportation may determine, as individual jurisdictions, whether to  
10 accept only commercially produced pickle brine or homemade brine as well. In either case,  
11 jurisdictions may take steps to increase the salinity of brine if necessary before applying it  
12 to roadways and/or sidewalks.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which shall  
14 additionally be tasked with establishing a fair and speedy process by which jurisdictions  
15 may apply for and receive these funds. The Department of Transportation is further  
16 encouraged to work to establish programs that collect used pickle brine from areas that do  
17 not experience icy roadways and sidewalks so that this brine may be transported to areas  
18 that are in need.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Resolution to Call for the Adoption of More Culturally Resonant State Songs

- 1   **WHEREAS** A state song is a legitimate and powerful opportunity to cultivate pride for this nation via  
2                   each of its states; and
- 3   **WHEREAS** The majority of state songs are scarcely known even by longtime residents of the states they  
4                   inhabit and thus represent major missed opportunities; and
- 5   **WHEREAS** There are culturally resonant songs out there for pretty much every state, but in many cases  
6                   those states are not taking advantage of these musical gems; now, therefore be it
- 7   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that each state legislature is encouraged to reexamine its  
8                   official state song(s) (or lack thereof) and to consider replacing or supplementing any such  
9                   selections with a more culturally resonant song if current offerings are deemed to be  
10                  inadequate; and be it
- 11   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress recognizes and celebrates those states that are trailblazers in this  
12                  respect, specifically Colorado ("Rocky Mountain High"), Georgia ("Georgia on My Mind"),  
13                  Kentucky ("Blue Moon of Kentucky"), Tennessee ("Rocky Top"), and especially West  
14                  Virginia ("Take Me Home, Country Roads").

## A Resolution to Protect Virtual and Augmented Reality Users

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Virtual and augmented reality blurs the line between the digital and  
3 physical worlds creating a sense of being present in the virtual world; and  
4 **WHEREAS,** Global virtual reality is steadily growing and the market size is expected to reach  
5 \$22.9 billion by the end of 2020, with the United States' market size projected  
6 to be \$18.8 billion; and  
7 **WHEREAS,** The demand for virtual reality applications is increasing in the healthcare  
8 sector, gaming, and entertainment media, automotive, manufacturing, and  
9 other industries. Of these, gaming and entertainment media covers a 40.5% of  
10 the global virtual reality market share; and  
11 **WHEREAS,** Steam, an online video game distribution service, reported in June of 2019 that  
12 the monthly-connected VR headsets on Steam surpassed 1 million for the first  
13 time; and  
14 **WHEREAS,** Virtual reality offers the potential to revolutionize education and training  
15 in numerous professional fields; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** Without established community norms and regulations, virtual reality  
17 can become an area for increased virtual assault and harassment; and  
18 **WHEREAS,** According to Pew Research Center, 41 percent of Americans were subjected  
19 to harassing behavior online, while 66 percent witnessed this behavior. For  
20 more severe forms of harassment, such as physical threats, sexual harassment  
21 or stalking, nearly 18 percent of Americans were targets; now, therefore, be it  
22 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Congress will create a commission  
23 comprised of representatives from the Entertainment Software Rating Board,  
24 Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
25 to oversee the establishment of codes of conduct for virtual and augmented  
26 reality users in the United States.