
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 9, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the City of Philadelphia to discontinue the use of
2 taxpayer dollars to fund programs that provide sterile
3 syringe exchange to drug addicts.

4 WHEREAS, The war on drugs in the United States affects every
5 citizen, young and old alike; and

6 WHEREAS, The Drug Enforcement Administration's National
7 Household Survey on Drug Abuse published in 2000 showed an
8 estimated 14.8 million Americans were users of illicit drugs in
9 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, More than one in ten young people between the ages
11 of 12 and 17 were users of illicit drugs in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, Taxpayer dollars should not be used to promote drug
13 abuse, but should be used to fund community programs that
14 discourage drug abuse; and

15 WHEREAS, Taxpayer dollars would be better used to fund
16 community drug prevention programs and programs for drug-
17 dependent persons that would give them an option of counseling

1 services and enrollment in detoxification programs; and

2 WHEREAS, Providing drug addicts with sterile syringes has not
3 been proven to decrease the spread of AIDS and HIV among addicts
4 and only encourages continued drug abuse and prolongs the war
5 against drugs; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
7 City of Philadelphia to discontinue using taxpayer dollars to
8 fund programs that provide sterile syringe exchange to drug
9 addicts, which promotes persistent illegal drug use.