

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 42 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, V. BROWN, D. COSTA, P. DALEY, DAVIS, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, HAGGERTY, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MCGEEHAN, MILNE, MUNDY, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, READSHAW, SABATINA, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER, STURLA, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 14, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JANUARY 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Calling for a one-year moratorium on any lottery privatization
2 proposals.

3 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1971, the Pennsylvania
4 Lottery has become a national model for other state lottery
5 systems across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the initial sale of tickets in 1972, the PA
7 Lottery has generated more than \$22.6 billion to fund Area
8 Agencies on Aging, senior centers, low-cost prescription drugs,
9 free transit and reduced fare shared rides, the property
10 tax/rent rebate program and long-term living spaces; and

11 WHEREAS, The PA Lottery is the only lottery in the nation to
12 exclusively dedicate all its proceeds to programs for senior
13 citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, The PA Lottery has consistently increased annual
15 sales and profits that provide critical funding to older
16 Pennsylvanians; and

1 WHEREAS, The PA Lottery had a record year in 2011-2012 with
2 profits of more than \$1 billion from total sales of nearly \$3.5
3 billion, an increase of 10.4% and 8.5%, respectively, over the
4 previous year; and

5 WHEREAS, The PA Lottery has been successfully managed for
6 decades by State employees who have kept administrative costs at
7 some of the lowest levels in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2011-2012, administrative costs dropped by nearly
9 1% over the previous year, saving over \$606,000 in one fiscal
10 year alone; and

11 WHEREAS, The PA Lottery already has the flexibility to expand
12 as needed by adding or changing games, utilizing kiosks and
13 reviewing additional locations; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call for a one-
15 year moratorium on privatizing any management aspects of the PA
16 Lottery until January 1, 2014; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That public hearings be held during this moratorium
18 in order to determine the impact of any privatization proposals
19 on lottery-funded programs which benefit Pennsylvania senior
20 citizens.