

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OLASZ, MICHLOVIC AND J. TAYLOR, NOVEMBER 16, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, NOVEMBER 21, 1988

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to enact legislation subjecting insurance
2 companies to the same Federal antitrust regulations that
3 apply to virtually all other business enterprises.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has exempted insurance
5 companies from Federal antitrust laws since 1944 when it enacted
6 the McCarran-Ferguson Act; and

7 WHEREAS, The insurance industry has taken advantage of its
8 immunity from Federal antitrust regulation to fix prices, to
9 impose unfair insurance policy conditions and to reduce the
10 availability of insurance, thereby harming consumers, nonprofit
11 organizations and business firms; and

12 WHEREAS, The states have failed to fill the regulatory vacuum
13 created by the absence of Federal antitrust jurisdiction over
14 insurance companies; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no compelling reason for granting insurance
16 companies immunity from Federal antitrust regulation when other
17 business enterprises are not entitled to such preferential

1 treatment; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
4 United States to enact legislation subjecting insurance
5 companies to the same Federal antitrust regulations that apply
6 to virtually all other business enterprises; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
8 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
9 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.