

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 22, 1993

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Department of Environmental Resources, the  
2 Department of Transportation and the Department of Community  
3 Affairs to study ways to encourage telecommuting in this  
4 Commonwealth and to establish a pilot program.

5 WHEREAS, Motor vehicles cause one-half of the ground-level  
6 ozone pollution; and

7 WHEREAS, Regulations have been proposed by the Department of  
8 Environmental Resources to comply with requirements of the  
9 Federal Clean Air Act amendments for employee trip reductions  
10 for employers with 100 or more workers in the five counties of  
11 this Commonwealth with a severe ozone pollution ranking: Bucks,  
12 Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia; and

13 WHEREAS, As many as 2,500 businesses and 1 million people are  
14 to be affected by this effort to reduce vehicle miles traveled  
15 through car pools and mass transit; and

16 WHEREAS, Telecommuting is another method of reducing employee  
17 trips by allowing the employee to either work at home or an  
18 outlying suburban facility shared by many employers, with work

1 transmitted through the use of telephone, telefax and computer  
2 modem; and

3 WHEREAS, Telecommuting has been successful in many  
4 corporations to allow persons on maternity leave or recovering  
5 from illness to ease themselves back into the workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, A number of states, including California and  
7 Connecticut, have initiated telecommuting programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Technology developments have brought down the cost  
9 of communications equipment necessary for home offices;  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
12 Department of Environmental Resources, the Department of  
13 Transportation and the Department of Community Affairs to  
14 jointly study ways to encourage telecommuting throughout this  
15 Commonwealth and establish a pilot program within State  
16 government to demonstrate the effectiveness of the concept.