

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
NOVEMBER 2, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 telecommunication "dead spots" in the cell phone industry.

3 WHEREAS, Telecommunications infrastructure is essential for
4 all economies to compete in a global marketplace; and

5 WHEREAS, As a rural State, Pennsylvania is particularly
6 dependent on wireless communication services to connect
7 Pennsylvania businesses and communities to the global community;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A strong telecommunications infrastructure can be a
10 catalyst for encouraging entrepreneurial activity, expanding
11 cultural and tourism opportunities, creating new technology and
12 financial sector jobs, rebuilding our downtown areas and
13 enhancing the overall economic health of our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, A strong telecommunications infrastructure is not
15 possible when Pennsylvania's wireless communications network is
16 plagued by poor service quality; and

1 WHEREAS, It is common that even when a carrier generally
2 offers coverage in a geographic area, service for individual
3 calls are not available due to the existence of numerous areas
4 where service is not available because the signal between the
5 handset and the cell tower is blocked and or nonexistent, which
6 is commonly referred to as "dead spots"; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
8 is hereby requested to study the elimination of "dead spots" in
9 wireless coverage in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
11 develop ways it shall direct wireless carriers to work
12 collectively in eliminating the "dead spots" to provide seamless
13 wireless coverage throughout Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
15 report to the regular session of the General Assembly on or
16 before January 1, 2008, on its findings, conclusions and
17 recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation
18 necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the expenses necessary to conduct this study,
20 to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be paid
21 from legislative appropriations to the Legislative Budget and
22 Finance Committee; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee,
24 upon completion of the "dead spots" study in Pennsylvania,
25 prepare a plan on assessing a reduction in Pennsylvania caller's
26 charges until the "dead spots" are eliminated.