
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 422 Session of
2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to amend the Governor's Code of Conduct as
2 it relates to an Executive Branch employee gift ban.

3 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2015, the Governor issued Executive
4 Order 2015-01; and

5 WHEREAS, The executive order amends the Governor's Code of
6 Conduct by adding provisions to prohibit employees, appointees
7 and officials of the Executive Branch from soliciting or
8 accepting, for personal use, gifts from certain persons; and

9 WHEREAS, As a result of these provisions, the Governor's Code
10 of Conduct is unreasonable when applied to certain activities of
11 nonprofit organizations and civic groups; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor
13 to amend the Governor's Code of Conduct as it relates to an
14 Executive Branch employee gift ban by permitting an employee,
15 appointee or official of the Executive Branch to accept and, if
16 out-of-pocket costs are incurred, to be reimbursed for the
17 following items offered to the employee, appointee or official
18 by a nonprofit organization or civic group:

1 (1) plaques, trophies and other items that are
2 substantially commemorative in nature and of minimal value;
3 and

4 (2) light food or refreshments, such as hors d'oeuvres,
5 provided in a group setting and intended for consumption by
6 the employee, appointee or official, as well as other
7 individuals.