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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, APRIL 13, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to facilitate payment  
2 to insurance companies through Federal stimulus funds for the  
3 reimbursement of costs associated with the payment of claims  
4 made on business interruption insurance policies during the  
5 COVID-19 pandemic.

6 WHEREAS, Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting the  
7 United States, businesses face unprecedented financial  
8 challenges, uncertainty and possible closure; and

9 WHEREAS, Congress is moving to provide financial assistance  
10 to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the form of  
11 Federal stimulus funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Insurance companies are best suited to target and  
13 identify those businesses with business interruption insurance  
14 in place and to administer claim payments; and

15 WHEREAS, Businesses with existing business interruption  
16 insurance have a vehicle in place for receiving reimbursement  
17 and aid during these challenging times through the payment of  
18 related claims by insurance companies; and

1       WHEREAS, Congress should pass legislation that channels  
2 reimbursement and aid through insurance companies and provides  
3 reimbursement to insurance companies that voluntarily pay claims  
4 submitted on business interruption insurance policies; and

5       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
6 Pennsylvania strongly acknowledges that all businesses are  
7 deserving of Federal stimulus aid during these extraordinary  
8 times and urges the inclusion of appropriate measures in the  
9 Federal aid package to assist all businesses as promptly as  
10 possible, while recognizing that the proposed business  
11 interruption insurance model may be an appropriate template;  
12 therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
15 States, as part of an overall COVID-19 relief package, to  
16 reimburse, via the disbursement of Federal stimulus funds,  
17 insurance companies for the costs associated with the voluntary  
18 payment of claims to businesses made through business  
19 interruption insurance; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
21 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to the  
22 members of Congress from Pennsylvania.