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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1043 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY ROAE, BLOOM, ENGLISH, MCGINNIS, TOEPEL, TRUITT,  
DIAMOND, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, B. MILLER, KNOWLES, WARD, GROVE,  
PICKETT, SAYLOR, BAKER, RAPP, METCALFE, TOBASH AND BARRAR,  
OCTOBER 3, 2016

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 3, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 47(a), further providing for status of  
2 members indicted or convicted of a crime.

3 RESOLVED, That House Rule 47(a) be amended to read:

4 RULE 47 (a)

5 Status of Members Indicted or Convicted of a Crime

6 When an indictment is returned or a charge is filed before a  
7 court of record against a member of the House, and the gravamen  
8 of the indictment or charge is directly related to the member's  
9 conduct as a committee chair or ranking minority committee  
10 member or in a position of leadership or is one which would  
11 render the member ineligible to the General Assembly under  
12 section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the  
13 member shall be relieved of committee chair status, ranking  
14 minority committee member status or leadership position until  
15 the indictment or charge is disposed of, but the member shall  
16 otherwise continue to function as a Representative, including  
17 voting, and shall continue to be paid.

1 If, during the same legislative session, the indictment or  
2 charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the court finds  
3 that the member is not guilty of the offense alleged, the member  
4 shall immediately be restored to committee chair status, ranking  
5 minority committee member status or the leadership position  
6 retroactively from which he or she was suspended.

7 A member of the House shall notify the Parliamentarian, Chief  
8 Clerk and Speaker of the House within 72 hours of being  
9 convicted of any felony. The duty to notify applies regardless  
10 of whether the conviction occurs by a plea, a jury verdict, a  
11 verdict by a judge or any other method.

12 Upon a finding or verdict of guilt by a judge or jury, plea  
13 or admission of guilt or plea of nolo contendere of a member of  
14 the House of a crime, the gravamen of which relates to the  
15 member's conduct as a Representative or which would render the  
16 member ineligible to the General Assembly under section 7 of  
17 Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and upon  
18 imposition of sentence, the Parliamentarian of the House shall  
19 prepare a resolution of expulsion under the sponsorship of the  
20 Chair and Vice-Chair of the House Ethics Committee. The  
21 resolution shall be printed and placed on the calendar for the  
22 next day of House session.