A RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the Senate by adding a rule providing for notification of COVID-19 potential exposure protocol.

WHEREAS, The purpose of the temporary emergency rules is to maintain the continuity of the legislative operations of the Senate, which in turn, protects the health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, The Senate adopted temporary emergency rules on March 18, 2020, to allow for remote voting and virtual operations in order to maximize physical distancing and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2020, the Chief Clerk of the Senate adopted a policy to develop a COVID-19 potential workplace exposure protocol, including a requirement for supervisors to notify their caucus administrator of any potential employee exposure and for a response team consisting of a caucus administrator or human resources director, a member of the Chief Clerk's office and the employee's Chief of Staff or supervisor be informed to address each potential exposure incident; and
WHEREAS, To facilitate complete sharing of information and assess risks to the members and staff, Senate Rules must be expanded to require notification of potential exposures by members and Harrisburg staff to all caucuses, agencies and offices located in the Capitol Complex; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the temporary emergency Rules of the Senate be amended by adding a rule to read:

Rule 38. Notification of COVID-19 potential exposure protocol. Notwithstanding Rule 25, in addition to complying with Chief Clerk policy adopted May 4, 2020, entitled "COVID-19 Potential Workplace Exposure Protocol," any potential exposure of a Senator or staff member who has been physically present in the Capitol during any part of the immediate preceding 14 days shall be reported to the Caucus Administrator of the Senate Republican and Democratic Caucuses, the Caucus Administrator of the House Republican and Democratic Caucuses and the Secretary of General Services.