

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PYLES AND SCHEAFFER, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976

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In the House of Representatives, September 20, 1976

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are
2 opposed to all forms of discrimination against persons and
3 businesses on the bases of race, creed, sex, or national origin,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Discriminatory practices in international trade are
6 particularly insidious because of the harms they impose not only
7 on basic human rights, but also due to the damage and losses
8 they inflict on labor and business in the Commonwealth, and

9 WHEREAS, The Arab boycott and blacklisting of firms trading
10 with Israel has resulted in a pervasive and dangerous pattern of
11 economic discrimination, and

12 WHEREAS, The proposed Pennsylvania Free Commercial
13 Association Act fails to adequately cope with this undesirable
14 economic discrimination because the limitation of coercive
15 economic acts is wholly beyond the capacities on any individual
16 state and is uniquely within the capacities of the Federal
17 government, and

18 WHEREAS, Any piecemeal attempt by individual states to cope

1 with the problem of international economic discrimination is
2 counterproductive, and

3 WHEREAS, The current United States export trade statutes are
4 inadequate to effectuate the Pennsylvania and United States
5 policy to oppose foreign boycotts and blacklisting, therefore be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, (the Senate concurring) That the General Assembly
8 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to pass
9 legislation;

10 to prohibit, under substantial penalty of law, discrimination
11 against any person by means of foreign boycotts or blacklists;

12 to prohibit domestic concerns from refusing to do business
13 with any other domestic concern pursuant to a requirement of a
14 foreign county for the purpose of enforcing or implementing a
15 boycott against a county friendly to the United States;

16 to prohibit domestic concerns from providing information on
17 matters of race, religion, or nationality in answer to boycott
18 requests; and

19 to require the United States Department of Commerce to make
20 public reports of boycott requests received by domestic
21 concerns; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of
24 the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress
25 of the United States from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.