

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to allow trucking firms
2 to extend payment of truck registration fees for apportioned
3 vehicles.

4 WHEREAS, The national average retail price of diesel fuel, as
5 reported by the Federal Energy Information Administration, was
6 \$1.496 in March of this year, which represents the highest level
7 since the United States Department of Energy started collecting
8 the data seven years ago; and

9 WHEREAS, Diesel fuel prices have been steadily increasing
10 since February 1999, where the retail diesel price was at a
11 historic low of 95¢ per gallon, and oil was selling for less
12 than \$10 per barrel; and

13 WHEREAS, The level rack prices of diesel fuel are 106% higher
14 than they were in the first week of February 1999; and

15 WHEREAS, Commercial truck drivers have not seen such high
16 diesel fuel prices since the Persian Gulf War in 1990; and

1 WHEREAS, On March 15, 2000, the Federal Energy Information
2 Administration issued a report stating that the levels of fuel
3 inventories are dangerously low, which could result in retail
4 prices of gasoline soaring to approximately \$1.80 per gallon,
5 thereby placing huge burdens on the peak trucking season; and

6 WHEREAS, The trucking industry has seen a 50% increase in the
7 price of fuel since last year, resulting in the average trucker
8 paying an additional \$150 every time the trucker's tank is
9 filled; and

10 WHEREAS, The increasing prices are hurting the United States
11 economy, with 70% of the cities in the United States relying
12 exclusively on trucking and 81¢ out of every transportation
13 dollar being spent on truck transportation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Consumer Federation of America reports that
15 rising fuel prices are resulting in as much as \$400 a year in
16 additional spending for the American consumer; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in an effort to
18 relieve the burden of rising diesel and gasoline fuel prices,
19 urge the Department of Transportation to allow trucking firms in
20 Pennsylvania to extend payment of fees for apportioned vehicles
21 registered in Pennsylvania through the International
22 Registration Plan (IRP).