

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 379 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY PERZEL AND DeWEESE, DECEMBER 11, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 11, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 14.

2 RESOLVED, That the 12th, 13th and 17th paragraphs of House
3 Rule 14 be amended to read:

4 RULE 14

5 Members' and Employees' Expenses

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7 All monthly reports filed on disbursements made or debts
8 incurred by any officer or member or employee from
9 appropriations made to the House or to a member or nonmember
10 officer under any General Appropriation Act, and the
11 documentation for each disbursement, shall be public information
12 and shall be available for public inspection during regular
13 business hours in the office of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk
14 shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for inspection
15 of such reports but in no case shall inspection be denied to any
16 person for a period exceeding 48 hours (excluding Saturdays and
17 Sundays) from the time a written request has been submitted to

1 the Chief Clerk. Photocopies of such reports shall be made
2 available upon request to a member at no charge or to the public
3 for a duplication fee as may be fixed by the Chief Clerk. Such
4 reports shall be made available to a member or to the public on
5 or before the last day of the month next succeeding the month in
6 which the report was filed.

7 All vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures,
8 expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all
9 appropriated funds of the House, and the documentation
10 evidencing payment of the vouchers and requisitions, shall be
11 available for public inspection during regular business hours in
12 the office of the Chief Clerk or at such other location within
13 the Capitol as the Chief Clerk shall prescribe. Nothing in this
14 rule shall require release of any information deemed
15 confidential, including, but not limited to, a telephone number,
16 a credit card number and a Social Security number.

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18 All expenditures of funds appropriated to the House or to a
19 member or nonmember officer shall be subject to the expenditure
20 guidelines established by the Rules Committee. The Rules
21 Committee shall establish standards regarding documentation
22 evidencing payment out of any appropriations account made to the
23 House or to a member or nonmember officer.

24 RESOLVED, That the amendment of the 12th, 13th and 17th
25 paragraphs of House Rule 14 apply to documentation for
26 disbursements made after December 31, 2001, and to reports of
27 such disbursements.