
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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S. MILLER AND CLYMER, FEBRUARY 6, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
FEBRUARY 6, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support
2 the President's call for legal reform.

3 WHEREAS, A fair and efficient legal system free from
4 frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant
5 economy and access to affordable health care; and

6 WHEREAS, Reasonable caps on damages protect consumers from
7 the rising costs of and diminishing availability of products and
8 services that have resulted from lawsuit abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Victims who suffer losses, not attorneys, should
10 receive the majority of damage awards; and

11 WHEREAS, Lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote fairness
12 for all parties; and

13 WHEREAS, In accordance with the intent of the framers of the
14 Constitution, cases involving residents of different states
15 should be tried in Federal court; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals suffer the most as a result of frivolous

1 lawsuits as the cost of products and services rises due to the
2 exorbitant rise of insurance costs and the availability of
3 products and services diminishes; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania request that the members of the
6 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation support meaningful class
7 action legal reform, medical malpractice liability reform and
8 other legal reform legislation in the 108th Congress.