

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 130 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY STEIL, BALDWIN, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI,
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PALLONE, REICHLEY, ROHRER, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, THOMAS,
TIGUE AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 14, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MARCH 14, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review
2 the unemployment compensation tax system as it relates to the
3 distribution of charges to employers and the adjustments
4 based on experience rating, to investigate possible revisions
5 to the unemployment compensation tax formula, including
6 examining methods employed in other states, to hold hearings,
7 take testimony and make investigations at such places in this
8 Commonwealth as it deems necessary, to have the power to
9 administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing
10 before it and to issue a report of its findings and
11 recommendations to the House of Representatives by January 2,
12 2006.

13 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has made great strides over the
14 past decade to reduce burdensome taxes and regulations on
15 businesses and employers in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, The unemployment compensation tax, while necessary
17 and important for a healthy State economy, is a complex formula
18 containing a myriad of factors and adjustments whose overall
19 impact on individual businesses and industries is unclear; and

20 WHEREAS, Navigating and understanding the unemployment
21 compensation tax formula is particularly daunting to the small

1 and independent businesses in this Commonwealth which represent
2 98% of the State's employers; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
4 review the unemployment compensation tax system as it relates to
5 the distribution of charges to employers and adjustments based
6 on experience rating, investigate possible revisions to the
7 unemployment compensation tax formula, including examining
8 methods employed in other states, hold hearings, take testimony
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