

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 429 Session of
2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and Congress of the United States to
2 reconsider the provision of law requiring applicants for
3 hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security
4 numbers and urging the United States Department of Health and
5 Human Services Administration for Children and Families to
6 grant an exception to the Pennsylvania Department of Public
7 Welfare for the current requirement that recreational license
8 buyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provide their
9 Social Security numbers.

10 WHEREAS, Statutory requirements that applications for
11 recreational licenses must include individuals' Social Security
12 numbers were enacted by the Congress of the United States in
13 1997 as part of the Balanced Budget Act (Public Law 105-33, 111
14 Stat. 251); and

15 WHEREAS, Criminal identity theft and threats to the personal

1 and financial privacy and security of Pennsylvanians are on the
2 rise; and

3 WHEREAS, Procedures for the collection of Social Security
4 numbers now in use by licensing agents of the Pennsylvania Game
5 Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
6 necessitates storage of vital information in a manner which may
7 jeopardize its confidentiality; and

8 WHEREAS, Criticism of the procedures used to gather and
9 safeguard Social Security numbers of applicants has grown
10 steadily, in some cases resulting in applicants simply foregoing
11 the purchase of a license rather than submitting vital personal
12 and financial data to the archaic system now in use by both
13 commissions; and

14 WHEREAS, Violations in child support payments cannot be
15 effectively identified through the current license application
16 practices of either commission due to technological limitations
17 of the agencies, making the gathering of applicants' Social
18 Security numbers pointless; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and Congress of
21 the United States to reconsider the provision of law requiring
22 applicants for hunting and fishing licenses to provide their
23 Social Security numbers and urge the United States Department of
24 Health and Human Services Administration for Children and
25 Families to grant an exception to the Pennsylvania Department of
26 Public Welfare for the current requirement that recreational
27 license buyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provide their
28 Social Security numbers; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the President of the United States, to presiding officers of

- 1 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
- 2 Pennsylvania.