

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GERGELY, BENNINGTON, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE,
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KULA, MAHONEY, MANN, MELIO, MYERS, PYLE, RAMALEY, SIPTROTH,
SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, SWANGER, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, J. WHITE
AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 26, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 26, 2008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to issue an executive order allowing State
2 agencies and departments to implement the use of alternative
3 workweek scheduling for all nonessential employees.

4 WHEREAS, Employees of the Commonwealth are integral to
5 providing vital services to all Pennsylvanians; and

6 WHEREAS, A cornerstone of an effective and efficient
7 government is the availability of, and access to, public
8 servants; and

9 WHEREAS, The normal hours of government operation often
10 unintentionally restrict Pennsylvanians' opportunity to avail
11 themselves of these services; and

12 WHEREAS, Spiraling gasoline prices are putting a tremendous
13 strain on employees of the Commonwealth and all commuting
14 Pennsylvanians, especially those who travel long distances to
15 their places of employment; and

16 WHEREAS, The currently volatile energy sector of the economy
17 has heavily influenced the driving habits of all Commonwealth

1 citizens, especially during the summer driving months; and

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the economic burden
3 that all citizens of this Commonwealth bear when faced with a
4 foundering economy, rising inflation and increasing energy
5 costs; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2005, the State of Georgia adopted similar
7 schedules in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as a way of
8 conserving gasoline and other motor fuels; and

9 WHEREAS, States such as Arkansas, Delaware, Oklahoma and West
10 Virginia are all considering similar alternative workweek
11 proposals; and

12 WHEREAS, Employers and employees in both public and private
13 sectors of industry and commerce have expanded options with
14 respect to the traditional workweek, such as a four-day workweek
15 and telecommuting; and

16 WHEREAS, Adoption of alternative workweek scheduling by the
17 Commonwealth would stand as an example for local governments and
18 private industry to follow; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
20 urge the Governor to issue an executive order to allow various
21 State agencies and departments to implement alternative workweek
22 scheduling for nonessential personnel where applicable.