THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FAIRCHILD, CALTAGIRONE, COX, CREIGHTON, FLECK, FRANKEL, GILLESPIE, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HESS, KORTZ, MANDERINO, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, MELIO, MOUL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, REICHLEY, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, VEREB, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND CUTLER, AUGUST 5, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 5, 2008

A RESOLUTION

Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to 1 2 conduct a study to determine the advantages and disadvantages 3 of establishing a four-day workweek for employees of the 4 Commonwealth. 5 WHEREAS, The rising cost of energy dictates the Commonwealth search for practical ways to reduce its energy consumption; and 6 7 WHEREAS, This problem necessitates realistic and aggressive solutions without which the already overburdened taxpayer will be unfairly saddled with the cost of unnecessary energy 10 consumption; and 11 WHEREAS, Both state and local governments across the United 12 States have mandated four-day workweeks for their employees as a 13 cost-saving measure; and 14 WHEREAS, Fiscal and environmental benefits of a four-day 15 workweek for employees of the Commonwealth may be a fair and 16 reasonable solution for reducing the energy consumption of the

Commonwealth while providing substantial energy savings to the

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- 1 taxpayer; therefore be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
- 3 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study to
- 4 determine the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a
- 5 four-day workweek for employees of the Commonwealth; and be it
- 6 further
- 7 RESOLVED, That the study include the fiscal impact of
- 8 establishing a four-day workweek for employees of the
- 9 Commonwealth; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the House
- 11 of Representatives no later than six months after the adoption
- 12 of this resolution.