

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 277 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, APRIL 2, 2012

SENATOR PILEGGI, RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AS AMENDED,
APRIL 30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to
2 amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other
3 appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
4 2012, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental
5 appropriations for prior fiscal years.

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

7 TEMPORARY RULE

8 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9 1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or
10 other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the
11 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, or for any prior fiscal
12 year, shall be in order on second OR THIRD consideration only. ←

13 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the
14 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund
15 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation
16 (which collectively comprises and shall be referred to as the
17 2012-2013 Budget) that proposes spending from the General Fund
18 or any special fund for the Commonwealth 2012-2013 fiscal year,
19 or any prior fiscal year, at a level different from the amount



1 contained in the 2012-2013 Budget as reported from the
2 Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be
3 considered unless THE AMENDMENT INCLUDES A FINANCIAL STATEMENT
4 APPENDED THERETO BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE LATEST REPORT OF
5 THE COMMONWEALTH'S INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE THAT SUFFICIENT
6 REVENUE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT CONTAINED IN THE 2012-2013
7 BUDGET AS REPORTED FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IS
8 PROJECTED TO BE AVAILABLE SO THAT THE AMENDMENT YIELDS A
9 BALANCED BUDGET OR the amendment, or any "statement of intent"
10 appended thereto, contains sufficient revisions or reductions to
11 the 2012-2013 Budget so that the amendment yields a balanced
12 budget based on current and projected revenues. Where a proposed
13 alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is balanced, in
14 whole or in part, by a change in other appropriation bills or
15 other budget implementing legislation, the amendment shall have
16 appended thereto a "statement of intent" setting forth the
17 proposed adjustment to the other appropriation bill or bills
18 that will result in no net increase in the total spending from
19 the General Fund or any special fund contained within the
20 2012-2013 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

21 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative
22 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General
23 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append
24 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves
25 more than one bill.

26 4. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate
27 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations
28 shall be out of order unless the amendment provides for a
29 revision not contrary to the statutes governing such programs:

30 (a) Medical assistance outpatient.

- (b) Medical assistance inpatient.
- (c) Medical assistance capitation.
- (d) Long-term care.
- (e) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.
- (f) School employees' retirement.
- (g) Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.

II. Amendments in Appropriations Committee

1. Any amendment offered in the Appropriations Committee to the General Appropriation Bill proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations shall be out of order unless the amendment provides for a revision not contrary to the statutes governing such programs:

- (a) Medical assistance outpatient.
- (b) Medical assistance inpatient.
- (c) Medical assistance capitation.
- (d) Long-term care.
- (e) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.
- (f) School employees' retirement.
- (g) Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.

III. Suspension

This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

IV. Expiration

This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.