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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHLOSSBERG, YOUNGBLOOD, DeLUCA, DALEY AND STURLA,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 study of the Commonwealth's statutes and policies regarding  
3 marijuana in light of the legalization of medical marijuana.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Act was signed into  
5 law in Pennsylvania on April 17, 2016, which establishes a  
6 medical marijuana program to provide access to medical marijuana  
7 for patients with serious medical conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, The medical marijuana program does not operate in a  
9 legal vacuum as the effects of inconsistent Commonwealth  
10 statutes and policies can have detrimental impacts on residents  
11 of this Commonwealth unless the related statutes and policies  
12 are not updated to work in tandem with the medical marijuana  
13 program; and

14 WHEREAS, It is necessary to have a full understanding of  
15 existing marijuana-related statutes and policies so updates can  
16 be made to ensure there are no conflicts with or undermining of  
17 the medical marijuana program; and

18 WHEREAS, It is critical that residents of this Commonwealth

1 with serious medical conditions be able to take full advantage  
2 of the medical marijuana program without being hampered by  
3 Commonwealth Statutes and policies which were put in place prior  
4 to the legalization of medical marijuana; and

5 WHEREAS, In particular the legal use of medical marijuana  
6 should not present an obstacle to gaining employment or to  
7 professional or educational advancement; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
9 State Government Commission to conduct a study of Commonwealth  
10 statutes and policies that relate to marijuana and whether those  
11 statutes and policies work in conjunction with the medical  
12 marijuana program or contradict it; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide  
14 recommendations necessary or desirable to address these statute  
15 and policy contradictions; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report  
17 to the House of Representatives the result of the study and  
18 recommendations regarding the Commonwealth's statutes and  
19 policies regarding marijuana and file the report with the Chief  
20 Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than 365 days  
21 after adoption of this resolution.