

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
Date _____	20 _____
Reported _____	20 _____
<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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By Hon. _____	



## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Pennsylvania State Police's services to the  
2 citizens of this Commonwealth and critical need for  
3 additional funding.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police was created by an act  
5 of the General Assembly in 1905 and was the first uniformed  
6 police organization of its kind in the United States of America;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police devotes about one-  
9 third of its on-duty time to criminal investigations and support  
10 services and the other two-thirds to traffic enforcement and  
11 other public safety concerns, including forensic laboratory  
12 services, prescription drug disposal programs, maintenance of  
13 the Megan's Law sex offender registry and providing criminal and  
14 firearms background checks; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police has been chronically  
16 understaffed, leaving numerous troops, barracks and stations  
17 without sufficient troopers across this Commonwealth and  
18 presenting a critical and pressing public safety concern; and

1       WHEREAS, Budget constraints have severely curtailed or  
2 eliminated intern, associate and trainee programs meant to  
3 prepare the next generation of law enforcement, jeopardizing  
4 future generations' ability to adequately address changing  
5 public safety needs; and

6       WHEREAS, Due to declining revenues and budget cuts,  
7 municipalities across this Commonwealth have been eliminating  
8 their local police forces, requiring the Pennsylvania State  
9 Police to patrol increasingly more local municipalities without  
10 commensurate increases in funding; and

11       WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police's annual appropriation  
12 has barely kept up with the rate of inflation in spite of steady  
13 increases in population, services required and certain drug use,  
14 as well as evolving public safety needs; and

15       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has the third highest number of heroin  
16 users in the country and is facing an epidemic that requires  
17 additional vigilance and efforts to curb its production,  
18 distribution and associated crime; and

19       WHEREAS, The recent amendment, in November 2013, of the act  
20 of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local  
21 Option Small Games of Chance Act, ("Act 90 of 2013") is expected  
22 to produce an additional \$156 million in revenues each year from  
23 the expansion of small games of chance; therefore be it

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor  
25 to work with the General Assembly to appropriate the first \$100  
26 million in revenues from Act 90 of 2013 to the Pennsylvania  
27 State Police, in addition to its current annual appropriations,  
28 for the purposes of hiring, training and deploying sufficient  
29 numbers of troopers and support staff to accomplish its growing  
30 mission.