

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TRELLO, MAIALE, D. W. SNYDER AND VEON, MAY 14, 1985

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 28, 1985

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a study and review of the equity of the current  
3 methods of financing the Commonwealth's highway program.

4 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
5 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania direct the Legislative  
6 Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and review of  
7 each of the following:

8 (1) The effect on the design, construction and  
9 maintenance of highways, roads, streets and bridges of  
10 vehicles of varying weights and dimensions and the frequency  
11 of occurrence of such vehicles in the traffic stream.

12 (2) The proportionate share of all highway costs,  
13 including design, construction and maintenance of highways,  
14 roads, streets and bridges directly attributable to the  
15 various classes of users based on the effects referred to in  
16 paragraph (1).

17 (3) The dollar value of environmental and other costs to

1 users, including costs of pavement deterioration directly or  
2 indirectly caused by highway, road, street and bridge use and  
3 the proportionate share of these costs attributable to each  
4 class of highway user.

5 (4) The most equitable and efficient way of sharing  
6 highway costs that cannot be directly attributed to any  
7 specific class.

8 (5) The highway user charges now used to finance roads  
9 in this Commonwealth, including an analysis of the  
10 appropriateness of such taxes and fees, in both form and  
11 amount, compared to the costs resulting from road use as  
12 determined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

13 (6) Adjustments in existing highway taxes and fees, plus  
14 any additions to the tax and fee structure that may improve  
15 the equity and efficiency of highway finance in the  
16 Commonwealth.

17 The recommendations set forth shall be formulated with regard to  
18 the findings of the cost allocation study. The methodology used  
19 in this study shall follow, whenever possible, the recommended  
20 method used by the most recent study by the United States  
21 Department of Transportation for the same purpose on a  
22 nationwide basis; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
24 report its findings and make recommendations for proposed  
25 legislation within 12 months from the adoption of this  
26 resolution.