
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 674 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LAWLESS, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE,
M. COHEN, CORRIGAN, DAILEY, DALEY, FICHTER, GEORGE, HARHAI,
JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LESCOVITZ, MCGEEHAN, MELIO, PISTELLA,
READSHAW, RUBLEY, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, TIGUE AND
YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to
2 provide additional funding and technical assistance to local
3 communities located within nuclear power generating facility
4 safety zones in an effort to safeguard against a terrorist
5 attack.

6 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, Americans suffered one of our
7 saddest hours when heinous and barbaric acts of terrorism were
8 committed against our homeland; and

9 WHEREAS, In light of these recent events, there is a present
10 and increasingly growing concern about the possibility of
11 nuclear power generating facilities as potential targets of
12 terrorism; and

13 WHEREAS, A nuclear disaster may also occur from faulty
14 equipment, natural disasters or through other occurrences; and

15 WHEREAS, The release of radiological materials by one of the
16 five nuclear power generating facilities in this Commonwealth
17 could prove devastating to vast segments of the population; and

18 WHEREAS, Nuclear power generating facility safety zones, by

1 their very nature, often exceed the boundaries of counties,
2 municipalities and school districts; and

3 WHEREAS, Many areas located in eastern Pennsylvania have
4 experienced significant population growth over the past 20
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Due to this growth, response plans, emergency
7 shelters and evacuation routes need to be updated to reflect
8 modern population figures, large employment centers and
9 increased traffic congestion; and

10 WHEREAS, Local counties, municipalities and school districts
11 do not have the necessary funding and support to properly
12 protect their citizenry against a nuclear mishap; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2002 the General Assembly appropriated \$15.6
14 million to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for
15 emergency management homeland security; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
17 direct the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to provide
18 additional funding and technical assistance to local communities
19 located within nuclear power generating facility safety zones to
20 safeguard against a terrorist attack within six months of the
21 adoption of this resolution; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly direct the Pennsylvania
23 Emergency Management Agency to provide an updated response plan
24 for each nuclear power generating facility operating in this
25 Commonwealth to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.