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WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND MUNDY,
APRIL 14, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 14, 2003

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special
3 provisions for taxation.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 2(a) of Article VIII be amended by adding a
9 clause to read:

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

11 (a) The General Assembly may by law exempt from taxation:

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13 (vi) That portion of income of a qualified disability trust,
14 as defined by Federal law, that does not exceed the maximum
15 exemption authorized by Federal law for qualified disability

1 trusts.

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3 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
4 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
5 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
6 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
7 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
8 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
9 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
10 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

11 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
12 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
13 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
14 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
15 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
16 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
17 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
18 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
20 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
21 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
22 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
23 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
24 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
25 passed by the General Assembly.