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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 277 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, CORMAN AND MELLOW, MARCH 22, 2010

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 22, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to  
2 amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other  
3 appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
4 2010, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental  
5 appropriations for prior fiscal years.

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

7 TEMPORARY RULE

8 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9 1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or  
10 other general fund or special fund appropriation bills for the  
11 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, or for any prior fiscal  
12 year, shall be in order on second consideration only.

13 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the  
14 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund  
15 appropriation bills (which collectively comprise and shall be  
16 referred to as the 2010-2011 Budget) that proposes increased  
17 spending from the General Fund or any special fund for the  
18 Commonwealth 2010-2011 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year,  
19 above the levels contained in the 2010-2011 Budget as reported  
20 from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may

1 not be considered unless the same amendment, or any "statement  
2 of intent" appended thereto, contains sufficient line-item  
3 reductions to the 2010-2011 Budget so that the amendment offered  
4 does not result in a net increase in the total spending from the  
5 General Fund or any special fund contained within such budget.  
6 Where a proposed alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is  
7 balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other  
8 appropriation bills, the amendment shall have appended thereto a  
9 "statement of intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to  
10 the other appropriation bill or bills that will result in there  
11 being no net increase in the total spending from the General  
12 Fund or any special fund contained within the 2010-2011 Budget  
13 as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

14 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative  
15 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General  
16 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append  
17 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves  
18 more than one bill.

19 4. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate  
20 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations  
21 shall be out of order:

- 22 (a) Debt service.
- 23 (b) Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.
- 24 (c) School employees' Social Security.
- 25 (d) Harristown rentals.
- 26 (e) Occupational disease payments.

27 5. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate  
28 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations  
29 shall be out of order unless such amendment includes a program  
30 revision not contrary to statutes governing such program:

- 1 (a) Cash assistance grants.
- 2 (b) Medical assistance outpatient.
- 3 (c) Medical assistance inpatient.
- 4 (d) Medical assistance capitation.
- 5 (e) Long-term care.
- 6 (f) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.

7 II. Amendments in Appropriations Committee

8 1. Any amendment offered in the Appropriations Committee to  
9 the General Appropriation Bill that would increase total  
10 authorized spending for the Commonwealth 2010-2011 fiscal year  
11 or any prior fiscal year above the spending levels contained in  
12 the General Appropriation Bill shall not be in order and may not  
13 be considered unless the same amendment contains sufficient  
14 reductions in line items in the General Appropriation Bill that  
15 the amendment does not result in a net increase in the total  
16 spending.

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18 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations  
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5 III. Suspension

6 This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a  
7 vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

8 IV. Expiration

9 This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a  
10 General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
11 2010.