
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 26, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recommending the Department of Corrections provide
2 identification badges for corrections officers.

3 WHEREAS, Corrections officers encounter safety risks on a
4 daily basis while overseeing inmates in Department of
5 Corrections facilities; and

6 WHEREAS, Corrections officers encounter safety risks while
7 working to reduce criminal behavior in our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Without regard for their safety and often without
9 adequate identification, corrections officers stop bank
10 robberies, rescue children from burning houses and assist local
11 police in capturing suspects at large; and

12 WHEREAS, As essential employees, corrections officers require
13 access despite road and facility closures during a state of
14 emergency; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no standard identification badge to quickly
16 convey an individual's status as a corrections officer to
17 emergency services providers, law enforcement personnel or
18 certain other corrections officers; and

1 WHEREAS, An appropriate identification badge indicating an
2 individual's status as a corrections officer would protect an
3 officer who intervenes in a criminal or noncriminal incident or
4 an emergency situation; and

5 WHEREAS, An appropriate identification badge indicating an
6 individual's status as a corrections officer would establish an
7 officer's credentials for travel or access as needed; and

8 WHEREAS, Thirty-two states provide identification badges to
9 corrections officers; and

10 WHEREAS, Department of Corrections identification badges
11 would facilitate the preparedness and professional conduct of
12 corrections officers and ensure their safety in the face of
13 dangers in the workplace, at crime scenes and at emergency
14 scenes; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recommend the
16 Department of Corrections provide identification badges for
17 corrections officers.