
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MILLARD, MURT, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, D. MILLER,
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KENYATTA, JOHNSON-HARRELL, MOUL, HILL-EVANS AND KAUFER,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an
2 advisory committee to conduct a study on challenges
3 individuals with disabilities face when traveling within this
4 Commonwealth and determine supports needed to accommodate
5 individuals with disabilities when traveling within this
6 Commonwealth.

7 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism make up an important sector of
8 this Commonwealth's economy, with more than 200 million visitors
9 traveling to or within the State every year, moving about from
10 place to place for work, personal errands and leisure
11 activities; and

12 WHEREAS, Travelers have a substantial financial impact on
13 this Commonwealth, spending more than \$40 billion, supporting
14 more than 503,000 jobs and generating \$4.1 billion in tax
15 revenue for the State and local governments; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 25 million Americans with disabilities
17 have reported travel-limiting disabilities and 3.6 million
18 Americans with travel-limiting disabilities do not leave their

1 homes because they are disabled or housebound; and

2 WHEREAS, Seven out of ten individuals with a disability
3 reduce their day-to-day travel because of their disability; and

4 WHEREAS, Thirty-two percent of individuals with a disability
5 are missing and canceling appointments daily due to
6 transportation-related difficulties; and

7 WHEREAS, Many travelers with disabilities are hesitant to
8 travel due to concerns about the availability of support and
9 accommodation available to them at their destination or during
10 their travels; and

11 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recognizes
12 and protects an individual's right to fully participate in all
13 aspects of society, including the right to travel, if the
14 individual has a disability; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
16 State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee
17 to conduct a study on challenges individuals with disabilities
18 face when traveling within this Commonwealth, including, but not
19 limited to, individuals with autism, vision impairments and
20 physical disabilities; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the advisory committee investigate how the ADA
22 addresses challenges to travel for individuals with disabilities
23 and to what extent this Commonwealth's tourism industry can
24 improve and accommodate individuals with disabilities; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the advisory committee be composed of
27 approximately 20 members with knowledge of and experience with
28 individuals with disabilities; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit a
30 report of the study and recommendations to remedy the current

1 issues individuals with disabilities face when traveling within
2 this Commonwealth to the House of Representatives no later than
3 12 months after the adoption of this resolution.