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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PARKER, DELLOSO, INNAMORATO, MENTZER, DEASY, CEPHAS AND  
ZIMMERMAN, MAY 23, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 23, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Health to investigate each entity in  
2 this Commonwealth with a permit to open and operate a medical  
3 cannabis business to determine whether the entity has  
4 financial ties to Russian businesses and, if so, take steps  
5 to revoke the permit.

6 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation invaded  
7 Ukraine; and

8 WHEREAS, Russian aggression against Ukraine stems back much  
9 further than this invasion, including when Russia invaded, and  
10 has since occupied, the Ukrainian territory of Crimea in 2014;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, As of May 1, 2022, the United Nations High  
13 Commissioner for Refugees estimates that 5,563,959 Ukrainians  
14 have been made refugees since the start of the war; and

15 WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken  
16 has stated that Russia has destroyed Ukrainian civilian housing,  
17 schools, hospitals and shopping centers, many of which are  
18 clearly identifiable as civilian infrastructure; and

1       WHEREAS, As of April 29, 2022, the United Nations Office of  
2 the High Commissioner for Human Rights reports that 2,899  
3 Ukrainian civilians are known to have been killed and 3,235  
4 Ukrainian civilians are known to have been injured since the  
5 Russian invasion; and

6       WHEREAS, The United Nations believes the number of civilian  
7 casualties in Ukraine to be much higher than currently known due  
8 to delays in reporting in heavy hostility areas; and

9       WHEREAS, In response to the invasion of Ukraine, the United  
10 States and its allies have imposed a series of heavy sanctions  
11 on the Russian Federation and closely related businesses and  
12 people; and

13       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Ukraine have deep economic and  
14 cultural ties; and

15       WHEREAS, Numerous Ukrainian businesses have made Pennsylvania  
16 their home; and

17       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to the second-highest number of  
18 people with Ukrainian ancestry in the United States; and

19       WHEREAS, As stated by Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania stands  
20 with Ukraine and will take continuous action to support Ukraine  
21 as it fights against the Russian invasion; and

22       WHEREAS, The medical cannabis industry in Pennsylvania  
23 totaled more than \$500 million in sales in its first two years  
24 in operation; and

25       WHEREAS, It is important that the revenue from medical  
26 cannabis in Pennsylvania not benefit in any way those tied to  
27 the Russian Federation and its war against Ukraine; and

28       WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Department of Health  
29 to administer the Medical Marijuana Program, issue permits and  
30 monitor and regulate the entities licensed to grow, process or

1 dispense medical cannabis under the act of April 17, 2016  
2 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act; therefore  
3 be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
5 Department of Health to investigate each entity in this  
6 Commonwealth with a permit to open and operate a medical  
7 cannabis business to determine whether the entity has financial  
8 ties to Russian businesses, and, if so, take steps to revoke the  
9 permit.