
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to change its policy on
2 the documentation required for a name change to a driver's
3 license or identification card.

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has an established
5 policy as to the type of identification required for a change of
6 name to a driver's license or identification card; and

7 WHEREAS, An individual who adopts the surname of her spouse
8 is only required to provide a copy of the couple's marriage
9 certificate to obtain a change of name on her noncommercial
10 driver's license or identification card; and

11 WHEREAS, In contrast, an individual who adopts the surname of
12 her spouse and retains her former surname as a middle name must
13 provide a copy of the individual's Social Security card,
14 together with copies of documents from two other sources issued
15 in the desired name, such as tax records, Selective Service
16 card, voter registration card, passport, photo identification
17 issued by a governmental agency or state-issued birth
18 certificate; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals who retain their former surnames find it
2 difficult to obtain the additional required documentation; and

3 WHEREAS, Requiring this additional documentation constitutes
4 an unfair and unreasonable practice by the Department of
5 Transportation; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
7 Department of Transportation to change its policy of requiring
8 difficult-to-obtain documentation to effect a change of name to
9 the driver's license or identification card of an individual who
10 adopts the surname of her spouse and retains her former surname
11 as a middle name; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
13 Department of Transportation, for a name change to the driver's
14 license or identification card of an individual who adopts the
15 surname of her spouse and retains her former surname as a middle
16 name, to accept the individual's marriage certificate along with
17 her Social Security card as sufficient documentation; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
20 the Secretary of Transportation.