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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to grant consent to  
2 several states to negotiate and enter into compacts for the  
3 purpose of establishing the residency verification interstate  
4 compact.

5 WHEREAS, There is a vital need to protect the limited  
6 resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and protect  
7 Federal funds which have been appropriated to help the most  
8 vulnerable in our society; and

9 WHEREAS, It is the policy of every state to promote  
10 compliance with the laws, rules and regulations relating to the  
11 administration of public assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, States believe in the one applicant and one state of  
13 residence principle to ensure public assistance benefits are not  
14 being duplicated; and

15 WHEREAS, It is in the national interest that states  
16 participate in a reciprocal program of cooperation to share  
17 information of public assistance applicants to ensure that an  
18 individual is only receiving the benefits from the state in  
19 which they are entitled; and

1       WHEREAS, There is a need for developing a nationwide  
2 reciprocal program to share information of public assistance  
3 applicants, including, but not limited to, the establishment of  
4 residency rules and regulations, and coordination of information  
5 for the enforcement of the one-state residency requirement; and

6       WHEREAS, Cooperative effort and mutual assistance on the part  
7 of states offers the greatest hope of satisfactorily dealing  
8 with this national problem; therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
11 States to grant consent to several states to negotiate and enter  
12 into compacts for the purpose of establishing the residency  
13 verification interstate compact; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives note that the  
15 cooperative effort and mutual assistance in the establishment  
16 and carrying out of the administration of public assistance,  
17 including, but not limited to, the enactment of uniform laws  
18 requiring specific information to be shared between states to  
19 verify residency of applicants, will be beneficial to both the  
20 states and the recipients; and be it further

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor  
22 to enter into and execute agreements or compacts with other  
23 states to verify residency of public assistance applicants and  
24 recipients; and be it further

25       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
26 the Office of the Governor, the presiding officers of each house  
27 of Congress and each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.