

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 14, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to ~~change its policy~~ <--
2 UPDATE ITS REGULATION on the documentation required for a <--
3 name change to a driver's 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

1 certificate; and

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

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the

8 Department of Transportation to ~~change its policy of requiring~~ <--

9 UPDATE ITS REGULATION WHICH REQUIRES difficult-to-obtain <--

10 documentation to effect a change of name to the driver's license
11 or identification card of an individual who adopts the surname
12 of her spouse and retains her former surname as a middle name;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the

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

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the Secretary of Transportation.