

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MAY 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to update its regulation
2 on 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 THE <--
8 INDIVIDUAL'S spouse is only required to provide a copy of the
9 couple's marriage certificate to obtain a change of name on her <--
10 A noncommercial driver's license or AN identification card; and <--

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

1 agency or state-issued birth 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 update its regulation which
9 requires difficult-to-obtain documentation to effect a change of
10 name to the driver's license or identification card of an
11 individual who adopts the surname of ~~her~~ THE INDIVIDUAL'S spouse <--
12 and retains ~~her~~ THE INDIVIDUAL'S former surname as a middle <--
13 name; 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~~ THE INDIVIDUAL'S spouse and retains ~~her~~ THE <--
18 INDIVIDUAL'S former surname as a middle name, to accept the
19 individual's marriage certificate ~~along with her~~ AND Social <--
20 Security card as sufficient documentation; and be it further

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