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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, STAMBAUGH, RYAN, ROWE, CAUSER, ROTHMAN,  
GREINER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MILLARD, COX, HAMM, GROVE, JAMES,  
MIZGORSKI, JONES, KEEFER, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, JOZWIAK AND  
WHEELAND, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States, the President of the  
2 United States and the Environmental Protection Agency to  
3 delay the requirements of the MS4 storm water management  
4 program for a period of two years in response to the COVID-19  
5 crisis.

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat.  
7 1155, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) allows the Environmental  
8 Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate water pollution through the  
9 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System by requiring  
10 regulated municipalities and other entities to create storm  
11 water management plans and obtain permits for discharges of  
12 storm water from their municipal separate storm sewer systems  
13 (MS4s); and

14 WHEREAS, In seeking to comply with this mandate from the EPA  
15 as enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental  
16 Protection, municipalities in this Commonwealth have  
17 increasingly begun placing tremendous economic burdens on our  
18 residents, businesses and property owners by imposing new or

1 increased fees on them; and

2 WHEREAS, Residents and businesses throughout this  
3 Commonwealth are facing unprecedented challenges because of the  
4 COVID-19 crisis; and

5 WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments must take  
6 action to relieve economic burdens on individuals and businesses  
7 who are struggling during these trying times to facilitate our  
8 country's economic recovery and ensure that our citizens can  
9 keep as much of their money as possible for essential needs;  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
13 States, the President of the United States and the Environmental  
14 Protection Agency to delay the requirements of the MS4 storm  
15 water management program for a period of two years in response  
16 to the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
19 States to enact legislation delaying mandated compliance  
20 deadlines for states and municipalities of the MS4 storm water  
21 management program for a period of two years to facilitate  
22 economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United  
25 States and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
26 Agency to extend compliance deadlines for states and  
27 municipalities of the MS4 storm water management program for a  
28 period of two years to facilitate economic recovery from the  
29 COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of  
2 the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, the Administrator of  
3 the Environmental Protection Agency and the President of the  
4 United States.