## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RYAN, BERNSTINE, BROWN, DIAMOND, HAHN, JAMES, KEEFER, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, NEILSON, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, STAATS AND ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

## A RESOLUTION

- Directing the Secretary of Revenue and the Governor to commence 1 negotiations with the State of New York's Governor and 2 Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance to effectuate an income tax reciprocity agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York. 5 6 WHEREAS, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia and 7 West Virginia currently participate in reciprocal income tax agreements with this Commonwealth; and 8 9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's existing reciprocal agreements provide that an employee's compensation is subject to state 10 11 income tax at the rate of the employee's state of residence, which allows each state to receive income tax revenue from its 12 13 respective residents; and WHEREAS, Currently, approximately 17,500 New York resident-14 15 commuters pay state income tax to Pennsylvania, in comparison to 16 the 42,400 Pennsylvania resident-commuters who pay state income tax to New York; and 17
- 18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's current income tax is a flat rate of

- 1 3.07% and New York's income tax ranges between 4% and 8.82%,
- 2 which means a reciprocal agreement between this Commonwealth and
- 3 the state of New York would lower the percentage of income tax
- 4 paid for Pennsylvania residents who work in New York; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Based on figures provided by the Pennsylvania
- 6 Department of Revenue, a reciprocal agreement with New York
- 7 would result in a net gain of income tax revenue for this
- 8 Commonwealth, estimated at over \$60 million; therefore be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
- 10 Secretary of Revenue and the Governor to commence negotiations
- 11 with the State of New York's Governor and Commissioner of the
- 12 Department of Taxation and Finance to effectuate an income tax
- 13 reciprocity agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 14 and the State of New York.