

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, MAJOR AND D. COSTA, APRIL 20, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 20, 2015

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Workers' Compensation  
2 Act in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, "Workers' compensation" is defined as mandated,  
4 employer-financed insurance that guarantees employees, who are  
5 disabled due to a work-related injury or disease, compensation  
6 for lost wages, in addition to providing any necessary or  
7 required medical treatment in their pursuit of returning to the  
8 work force; and

9 WHEREAS, Building off the momentum set forth by the first  
10 compensation system enacted into Federal law by President  
11 William Howard Taft in 1908, the Commonwealth enacted the act of  
12 June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers'  
13 Compensation Act; and

14 WHEREAS, The Workers' Compensation Act outlines  
15 administrative obligations to be met by the Department of Labor

1 and Industry, which inspects the working conditions in  
2 workplaces around this Commonwealth and promotes economic  
3 development and an improved business climate with safe, more  
4 efficient workplace environments, assisting the work force of  
5 this Commonwealth in remaining world-class and globally  
6 competitive; and

7 WHEREAS, The Workers' Compensation Act created a system to  
8 ease the burden on workers who suffer a no-fault, work-related  
9 injury, ensuring the collection of cash benefits and medical  
10 care, including replacement of wages, payment of medical  
11 expenses and specific loss and disfigurement; and

12 WHEREAS, The Workers' Compensation Act established ways for  
13 insurance to be paid by the employer, through either private  
14 insurance companies or the State Workers' Insurance Fund, the  
15 latter of which provides assistance through the Commonwealth to  
16 employers for the wage replacement and medical benefits of  
17 employees who suffer workplace-related injuries, producing a  
18 competitive workers' compensation market; and

19 WHEREAS, The Workers' Compensation Act supports employers by  
20 minimizing risk and providing predictability, thereby increasing  
21 productivity and expanding growth in employment sectors across  
22 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
24 100th anniversary of the passage of the Workers' Compensation  
25 Act in this Commonwealth; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
27 the Governor.