
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 13, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 thorough and comprehensive study on truck parking in
3 Pennsylvania and provide recommendations to effectively
4 address this issue.

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has an extensive network of Interstate
6 and State highways, totaling more than 120,000 miles of roadway,
7 serving the transportation needs of various industries and
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Trucks account for 75% of all freight movement
10 within this Commonwealth, making Pennsylvania a crucial player
11 in the transportation of goods; and

12 WHEREAS, A shortage of truck accommodations across this
13 Commonwealth poses challenges for truck drivers to comply with
14 Federal hours-of-service regulations and locate rest areas; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Transportation Advisory Committee
16 has identified a shortfall of approximately 4,400 truck parking
17 spaces across this Commonwealth, which leaves roughly 1,000
18 trucks parked on highway shoulders and ramps on a typical night;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, Truck parking is a critical issue for the safety and
2 well-being of truck drivers and the general public; and

3 WHEREAS, The lack of truck parking contributes to traffic
4 congestion, environmental pollution and road deterioration; and

5 WHEREAS, Demand for truck parking is increasing in
6 Pennsylvania and nationwide while the supply is not keeping pace
7 with the growing demand; and

8 WHEREAS, A wide-ranging study focusing on solutions to the
9 truck parking problem, such as expanding public and private
10 parking facilities, leveraging technology to optimize parking
11 space utilization and enhancing coordination and cooperation
12 among stakeholders would provide insight to inform future policy
13 and investment decisions; and

14 WHEREAS, By conducting a study on this Commonwealth's truck
15 parking shortage, the Joint State Government Commission can
16 highlight inadequacies of Pennsylvania's truck parking
17 infrastructure and gather data and recommend innovative
18 strategies to increase this Commonwealth's designated truck
19 parking capacity; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
21 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study to
22 address the complex issues surrounding truck parking in this
23 Commonwealth; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the study:

25 (1) analyze the multifaceted challenges associated with
26 truck parking in Pennsylvania;

27 (2) assess the extent of the problem by identifying
28 corridors and regions with the greatest truck parking demand;

29 (3) examine successful models and best practices
30 implemented in other states to mitigate truck parking

1 shortages;

2 (4) develop a range of strategies to expand truck
3 parking facilities across this Commonwealth;

4 (5) engage with local communities, stakeholders,
5 leaders, trucking transportation experts and other relevant
6 entities to gather valuable input and feedback throughout the
7 study process;

8 (6) identify and evaluate options to address current and
9 future truck parking demand, including suggested regulatory
10 changes aimed at alleviating truck parking concerns in this
11 Commonwealth; and

12 (7) recommend legislative action to achieve adequate and
13 safe truck parking across this Commonwealth;

14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a
16 report with its findings and recommendations within 12 months of
17 the adoption of this resolution to the Transportation Committee
18 of the House of Representatives.