
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, APRIL 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to take action to
2 provide for the security and resilience of the nation's
3 electric grid.

4 WHEREAS, Our national defense, communications, economic
5 institutions, hospitals, law enforcement and consumers as well
6 as countless other critical operations and infrastructures
7 depend upon a reliable electric grid, yet the Federal Government
8 has not adequately prepared for its security; and

9 WHEREAS, A robust national electric grid is a fundamental
10 component of American society and is critical to the maintenance
11 of economic and social stability in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, A disruption to the electric grid from an
13 electromagnetic pulse (EMP), whether natural or manmade, poses a
14 threat to the integrity of the national electric grid; and

15 WHEREAS, A failure of the national electric grid would
16 threaten the health, safety and welfare of all Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Congress of the United States
18 established the Congressional EMP Commission to analyze EMPs,

1 the nation's vulnerability to them and its ability to respond to
2 an EMP threat; and

3 WHEREAS, The commission reported that terrorists or
4 unfriendly state actors could stage an EMP attack with nuclear
5 weapons; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has jurisdiction over the
7 interstate power transmission lines yet has largely neglected to
8 fortify our electric grid against EMPs or similar disruptions;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The protection and continued integrity of the
11 electric grid is essential to the security and continued
12 prosperity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Strengthening and modernizing the national electric
15 grid will enhance the United States' ability to withstand and
16 recover from an EMP event; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
18 Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to take
19 action to provide for the security and resilience of the
20 nation's electric grid; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be
22 transmitted by the Chief Clerk to the President of the United
23 States, the President of the United States Senate and the
24 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be
27 transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of
28 Homeland Security, the Secretary of the United States Department
29 of Energy, the Secretary of the United States Department of
30 Defense and the Secretary of the United States Department of

1 Transportation.