

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE AND KASUNIC, JUNE 26, 2009

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, JUNE 26, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 complete a study and cost analysis of the implementation of a  
3 Statewide blighted property database and report its findings,  
4 conclusions and recommendations to the Senate.

5 WHEREAS, The issue of neighborhood blight impacts every  
6 corner of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals who own blighted properties often leave  
8 them and move on and victimize other communities in this  
9 Commonwealth by not maintaining the real property that they own;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A Statewide blighted property database maintained by  
12 the Commonwealth would help to mitigate the impact of blighted  
13 property owners by giving municipalities the ability to identify  
14 blighted property owners in other parts of this Commonwealth;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Statewide blighted property database could be  
17 used by municipalities to deny individuals local permits for one  
18 or more properties if the individuals have a record of owning  
19 one or more blighted properties, as well as a history of not

1 maintaining those properties; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
3 complete a study and cost analysis of the implementation of a  
4 Statewide blighted property database; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
6 submit to the Senate a recommendation on which State agency  
7 would best operate and maintain a Statewide blighted property  
8 database; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
10 report its findings to the Senate no later than three months  
11 from the adoption of this resolution.