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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, WEAKNECHT, HADDOCK, COOPER AND STEELE,  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a constitutional right to  
3 carry.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 21.1. Right to carry.

10 Every citizen shall have the right to carry openly or  
11 concealed, carry loaded or unloaded, train with, transport,  
12 possess, use, acquire, purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell,  
13 give or otherwise dispose of or receive any firearm or self-  
14 defense device without a license, permission or restriction of  
15 any kind.

16 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
17 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

18 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of

1 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
2 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
3 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
4 of Pennsylvania.

5 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
6 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
7 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
8 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
9 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
10 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
11 Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which  
12 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
13 Constitution of Pennsylvania.