**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 5.3 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY’S WEBSITE BEFORE THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS ON APPROPRIATIONS BILLS RETURNED FROM THE SENATE AND CONFERENCE OR FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS ON THE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 5.3 of the Rules of the House is amended by adding a new item immediately after item G to read:

“H. Public Availability: An Appropriations Bill, as defined in item F.1 of this Rule 5.3, and a Committee Report thereon must be made publicly available on the General Assembly’s website for seventy‑two hours before it may be considered by the House. An Appropriations Bill returned to the House as amended by the Senate must be made publicly available on the General Assembly’s website for forty‑eight hours before it may be considered by the House, and an Appropriations Bill conference or free conference report must be made publicly available on the General Assembly’s website for twenty‑four hours before it may be considered by the House. The time periods provided within this item H. may be waived by a roll call vote of a majority of the House members present and voting. However, nothing in this item H. shall be construed to restrict the ability of the House to set an Appropriations Bill for special order as provided in Rule 6.3.”

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