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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered February 15, 2023

Amending and readopting Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Delegates, pertaining to the voting requirement to discharge a committee from the consideration of a resolution.

Patrons—Simon, Bennett-Parker, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Guzman, Hope, Hudson, Kory, Lopez, Rasoul, Seibold, Shin, Sickles, Subramanyam, Watts and Willett

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rule 81 of the Rules of the House of Delegates is amended and readopted as follows:

V. Conduct of Business.

Manual and Rules.

Rule 81. The Rules of the House will be adopted in even-numbered years by a majority vote of members elected and will remain in effect upon adoption and coinciding with the terms of members. The Rules may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to be ascertained by an actual division of the House except as prohibited by the Constitution; provided that a motion to discharge a committee from the consideration of a bill *or joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to the fundamental right to reproductive freedom* will require a majority of those voting, which will include two-fifths of the members elected to the House, the vote thereon to be taken by yeas and nays and recorded in the Journal; and provided further, that a motion to dispense with the printing and reading of a bill, or its printing on the Calendar, or either, will not be entertained, except as provided by the Constitution.

A proposition to change a rule of the House will be submitted in writing and forthwith printed. In its printed form it will lie upon the Speaker's table for five days and be read by the House during the Morning Hour of each day during that time. At the expiration of five days it will be ready for consideration and may be adopted or rejected by a majority vote of the members elected; provided that as to all resolutions or bills which involve an appropriation or expenditure of money by the Commonwealth, or which may create a charge upon the treasury, the rule of the House will not be changed or suspended save by a vote of two-thirds of the members present to be ascertained by an actual division of the House.

Upon a motion to suspend a rule of the House the mover will be allowed two minutes to state the reasons for their motion, and one member opposed to the motion will be allowed a like time to object.

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