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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE PERMANENT JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY, in relation to amending Joint Rule II in relation to committees on conference to consider substantially similar legislation

RESOLVED, (if the &HOUSE concur), That Joint Rule II of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and the Assembly be amended to read as follows:

### JOINT RULE II

Section 1. Committee on Conference. The Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly [may] SHALL jointly convene a Joint Committee on Conference to consider and report upon substantially similar but not identical legislation that has passed each House of the Legislature. IN ADDITION, THE SPONSOR OR COMMITTEE CHAIR OF THE ORIGINAL BILLS' JURISDICTION MAY CALL FOR A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF ANY TWO BILLS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL. Such committee shall be constituted by the filing of a joint certificate by the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly, and shall consist of the same number of members from each House. Unless otherwise provided in the certificate, there shall be five members on such committee from each House to be appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate who shall appoint the members from the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly who shall appoint the members from the Assembly; provided, however, that of each House's delegation at least one member shall represent the minority in each House. The Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a co-chairperson of the committee and such co-chairpersons shall convene and recess meetings of the committee. Meetings jointly convened by the co-chairpersons shall be subject to the provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law. The committee shall file a written report setting forth the joint recommendations of a majority of each House's delegation with the Secretary of the Senate and

the Clerk of the Assembly or such other committees or officers as may be set forth in the certificate and such report may include specific bill language that would implement the joint committee's recommendations. No report shall be filed except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of each House's delegation on the committee.

RESOLVED (if the &HOUSE concur), That the foregoing amendment to the PERMANENT JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY be effective immediately.