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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In the State of Illinois, an eligible law student
3 and an eligible graduate of law school that is not yet licensed
4 to practice law in any jurisdiction, if he or she satisfies
5 specific requirements, can be granted a temporary license to
6 perform specified legal services under the Supreme Court of
7 Illinois Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys,
8 Article VII, Part A., Rule 711; and

9 WHEREAS, Under Rule 711, eligible law students and eligible
10 graduates of law schools may render services under the
11 supervision of a member of the Illinois bar, such as
12 negotiating in the settlement of claims; representing clients
13 in mediation and other non-litigation matters; engaging in the
14 preparation and drafting of legal instruments; and appearing in
15 trial courts, courts of review, and administrative tribunals of
16 this State, subject to qualifications; and

17 WHEREAS, Eligible law students and eligible graduates of
18 law school may perform such permitted legal services in the
19 course of the student's or graduate's work with one or more of
20 the following organizations or programs: a legal aid bureau,
21 legal assistance program, organization, or clinic chartered by
22 the State of Illinois or approved by an American Bar
23 Association-approved law school; the public defender's office;

1 or a law office of the State or any of its subdivisions; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is the legislative
3 body of the State of Illinois authorized to negotiate, prepare,
4 draft, and enact legislation on behalf of the people of
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has offices
7 comprised of staff attorneys and legislators that analyze and
8 draft legislation and research-related legal issues; some of
9 these offices also have licensed members of the Illinois bar;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, As currently written, Rule 711 does not clearly
12 authorize eligible law students and eligible law school
13 graduates to perform legal services under the agency of the
14 Illinois General Assembly; and

15 WHEREAS, Eligible law students and eligible law school
16 graduates that are temporarily licensed under Rule 711 could
17 greatly benefit from the advanced experience gained through the
18 opportunity of working closely with members of the General
19 Assembly while performing legal services related to the
20 legislative process; and

21 WHEREAS, The General Assembly could greatly benefit from

1 the additional assistance and particularized knowledge of
2 eligible law students and eligible law school graduates that
3 are temporarily licensed under Rule 711 to perform legal
4 services related to the legislative process; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we urge the Supreme Court of Illinois to amend its Rules on
8 Admission and Discipline of Attorneys, Article VII, Part A.
9 Admission to the Bar, Rule 711 (b), Agencies Through Which
10 Services Must Be Performed, to specifically list the Illinois
11 General Assembly as one of the agencies through which services
12 may be performed as a part of the temporary licensing process,
13 authorizing eligible law students and eligible law school
14 graduates to perform legal services under the Rule; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to the members of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules
18 Committee and the Director of the Administrative Office of the
19 Illinois Courts.