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INTRODUCED BY HASAY, SHUPNIK AND O'CONNELL, JUNE 16, 1977

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In the House of Representatives, June 16, 1977

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare has undertaken a
2 policy of deinstitutionalizing persons in need of services for
3 the mentally ill; and

4 WHEREAS, This policy has been undertaken without adequate
5 concern for the community services; and

6 WHEREAS, The care and treatment of patients may be
7 jeopardized by this action; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare is apparently
9 seeking to close Retreat State Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, The communities involved in Northeast Pennsylvania
11 do not have adequate after care and community services; and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these patients need geriatric care as well
13 as care for their mental illness which is not available in the
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, There has been some controversy surrounding the
16 possible transfer or merger of Retreat State Hospital to or with
17 another institution; and

18 WHEREAS, The supervisions of the Retreat State Hospital is

1 vested within the Department of Public Welfare; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
3 Department of Public Welfare to refrain from any further closing
4 of Retreat State Hospital until the same has been approved by
5 the General Assembly; and be it further
6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
7 the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare.