
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, TADDONIO, COHEN, LESCOVITZ, TRELLO,
McVERRY, MISCEVICH, COWELL, OLASZ, SEVENTY, PRATT, RASCO,
MARMION, FRAZIER, HEISER, GRUPPO, FLECK, SWEET, COLAFELLA,
KOLTER, VAN HORNE, McCALL, McINTYRE, GAMBLE, MICHLOVIC,
KUKOVICH, PETRARCA, WHITE, MICOZZIE, LETTERMAN, SALVATORE
AND HALUSKA, FEBRUARY 10, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 10, 1981

In the House of Representatives, February 10, 1981

1 WHEREAS, Proper dental care is an integral ingredient of the
2 health and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, It is increasingly prevalent for third party
4 providers to render remuneration to dentist and dental patients
5 for dental services performed; and

6 WHEREAS, The relationship involving dentists, dental patients
7 and third party providers thereby has a great effect upon the
8 quality, quantity, and price of dental services; and

9 WHEREAS, The Committee on Consumer Affairs has received
10 numerous complaints as to the manner in which dental services
11 are performed and payments rendered when third party providers
12 are involved in providing payment for dental services; therefore
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 direct the Committee on Consumer Affairs to investigate all

1 ramifications of the relationship between dentist, dental
2 patients and third party providers as they relate to the manner
3 in which dental services are performed and payment rendered; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
6 testimony and make its inquiries at such places as it deems
7 necessary. Each member of the committee shall have the power to
8 administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before
9 the committee; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
11 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause
12 to be made a record of all expenses incurred by the committee,
13 or the members thereof, and the Speaker of the House shall cause
14 the same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses
15 incurred by the committee or any member thereof shall be
16 reimbursable by the Chief Clerk unless such expenses shall first
17 have been included as an expense item in the record heretofore
18 required; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
20 and recommendations as soon as possible to the General Assembly.