
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PETERSON, GEIST, PUNT, CLYMER, BUNT, LEVI, G. M. SNYDER,
ARMSTRONG, SCHULER AND B. SMITH, JANUARY 25, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 26, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Insurance Committee to investigate rising health
2 care costs.

3 Today 90% of Americans are covered by some form of health
4 insurance and of these an estimated 70% are covered by some form
5 of group coverage; and

6 For the decade of 1965 to 1975, the annual cost for employer
7 provided health care benefits increased 350%. In 1965, the
8 average cost for an employee per week was \$8. In 1975, the
9 average cost for an employee per week was \$28; and

10 Not only has group coverage increased but in general, health
11 care costs in Pennsylvania have increased at a rate seven times
12 the rate of inflation; and

13 Why the costs have increased so greatly is of concern to all
14 the citizens of Pennsylvania and perhaps legislation can be
15 enacted to curtail these rising costs; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House Committee on Insurance be directed
17 to investigate all contributing factors bearing on the increase

1 in the cost of maintaining the health care delivery system and
2 the financing of that system; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
4 testimony and make its investigation at such places as it deems
5 necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under
6 the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to
7 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters
8 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
9 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
10 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and
11 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the
12 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who willfully neglects
13 or refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any
14 books, papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the
15 penalties provided by the laws of this Commonwealth in such
16 case. Each member of the committee shall have the power to
17 administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before
18 the committee; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the House
20 of Representatives, together with any recommendations, at least
21 60 days prior to the end of this session of the General
22 Assembly.