

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Bipartisan Management Committee to establish a  
2 process by which members and employees of the House of  
3 Representatives make employee contributions for health care  
4 benefits.

5 WHEREAS, Health care costs continue to rise, increasing twice  
6 as fast as average wages in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate has recently amended its health benefits  
8 plan to require Senators and employees of the Senate to  
9 contribute a portion of their salary for health care benefits;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, All employers, both public and private, who are  
12 constantly seeking to maximize coverage while minimizing costs  
13 must continuously determine an equitable means to share the cost  
14 burden of health care benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, The taxpayers of this Commonwealth are ultimately  
16 the employers of the members and the employees of the House of  
17 Representatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Members of the House of Representatives and its

1 employees currently do not make any employee contributions for  
2 health care benefits; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives  
4 and its employees begin to make employee contributions for  
5 health care benefits; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the Bipartisan Management Committee be  
7 directed to establish a process by which members and employees  
8 of the House of Representatives make contributions for health  
9 care benefits; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the process established provide for  
11 contributions to be calculated as 1% of the cost of each  
12 member's or employee's annual salary.