
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY McCALL, GOODMAN, KLINGAMAN AND W. D. HUTCHINSON,
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In the House of Representatives, April 25, 1979

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Collections Division of the Office
2 of the Attorney General has recently sent a demand notice to a
3 former patient of the Coaldale General Hospital over a year and
4 a half after the bill had been paid; and

5 WHEREAS, The letter from the Attorney General's Office
6 threatened legal action if the bill of \$40 was not paid within
7 10 days; and

8 WHEREAS, This same kind of conduct has occurred on many past
9 occasions to patients or former patients of the Coaldale General
10 Hospital whose bills have been paid many months prior to the
11 irritating demand letter; and

12 WHEREAS, This conduct by the Office of the Attorney General
13 amounts to harassment and cannot be tolerated; now therefore be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House direct the Committee
16 on Health and Welfare to investigate the operation of the
17 Commonwealth Collection Division of the Office of the Attorney

1 General in areas concerning the procedures and methods employed
2 in collection of debts; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
4 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
5 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
6 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
7 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
8 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
9 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
10 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
11 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;
12 and be it further

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