
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BERLIN, FINEMAN, IRVIS, MANDERINO, BUTERA, RYAN,
GALLAGHER, MOEHLMANN, PRENDERGAST, GOODMAN, McCALL AND BURNS,
FEBRUARY 8, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 9, 1977

In the House of Representatives, February 8, 1977

1 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services for the members, staff
2 and employees of the Capitol Complex, visitors thereto and
3 general public have not been systematized; and

4 WHEREAS, There is little, if any, medical data maintained on
5 the members and personnel within these buildings; and

6 WHEREAS, There is currently insufficient emergency medical
7 equipment available for House use; and

8 WHEREAS, No emergency medical procedures have been
9 established to respond to emergency situations or to coordinate
10 internal response with outside emergency assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, The matter of fire prevention and general safety of
12 our citizens has not received the concern which should have been
13 afforded to them by this Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 appoint a seven member bipartisan committee, four from the
16 majority and three from the minority, to study and investigate
17 emergency medical treatment services and procedures, to prepare

1 plans and systems to improve emergency medical care, and the
2 results of said findings shall operate as a model for all State
3 facilities and to study and investigate fire prevention, trauma
4 and trauma prevention and the general safety of our citizens;
5 and be it further

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

22 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
23 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
24 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
25 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
26 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
27 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
28 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
29 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
30 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings

3 and recommendations to the General Assembly as soon as possible.