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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DORR AND BURD, JUNE 27, 1985

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 28, 1985

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Health and Welfare Committee to investigate  
2 allegations of problems in personal care homes.

3 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Press has published a series entitled  
4 "New Asylums; Personal Care Homes" that has identified numerous  
5 problems and deficiencies in the licensing and regulation of  
6 personal care homes; and

7 WHEREAS, The violation of statutes and regulations or the  
8 inadequacy of current statutes or regulations constitutes an  
9 unnecessary risk to the health and welfare of the residents of  
10 personal care homes; and

11 WHEREAS, Based upon its findings, The Pittsburgh Press has  
12 identified a considerable number of problems or concerns about  
13 the qualifications of operators and the standards of operating  
14 personal care homes; and

15 WHEREAS, Personal care homes have the potential of providing  
16 a reasonable cost alternative for long-term nonskilled care of  
17 the dependent elderly, the mentally ill and the physically

1 handicapped; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives instruct and  
3 direct the Committee on Health and Welfare to investigate the  
4 allegations contained in The Pittsburgh Press report, and to  
5 report its findings and recommendations for legislative and  
6 administrative remedies to the House of Representatives on or  
7 before April 15, 1986.