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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 3, 2006

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a comprehensive study and cost review of personal  
3 care home services in Pennsylvania, including the actual  
4 costs incurred to operate a personal care home.

5 WHEREAS, There are 1,549 licensed personal care homes within  
6 Pennsylvania, both nonprofit and for profit, that serve  
7 approximately 50,000 residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Personal care homes are designed to provide safe,  
9 humane, comfortable and supportive residential settings for  
10 adults who do not require the services in or of a licensed long-  
11 term care facility but who require assistance or supervision  
12 with activities of daily living; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare oversees the  
14 licensing of personal care homes through licensing regulations  
15 in 55 Pa. Code Ch. 2600, which contains the minimum requirements  
16 that shall be met to obtain a license to operate a personal care

1 home; and

2 WHEREAS, Personal care home licensing regulations strengthen  
3 health and safety protections for personal care home residents  
4 based on current information and research and incorporate state-  
5 of-the-art program concepts; and

6 WHEREAS, New regulatory requirements contained in 55 Pa. Code  
7 Ch. 2600 have imposed additional costs on personal care homes,  
8 thus increasing operational costs; and

9 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the operational costs  
10 incurred by personal care homes has not been conducted; and

11 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review would be beneficial for  
12 personal care home operational and administrative purposes;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
15 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a  
16 comprehensive study and cost review of personal care home  
17 services in Pennsylvania, including the actual costs incurred to  
18 operate a personal care home; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
20 prepare a report of its findings which, at a minimum, includes:

21 (1) A comparison of the cost of operating a small  
22 personal care home, defined as serving eight or fewer  
23 residents, and the cost of operating a large personal care  
24 home, defined as serving nine or more residents.

25 (2) A comparison of the costs for personal care homes  
26 that serve SSI residents and personal care homes that do not.

27 (3) A comparison of the cost of operating both small and  
28 large personal care homes prior to and after the  
29 implementation of 55 Pa. Code Ch. 2600.

30 (4) Costs determined to be one-time costs and costs

1 determined to be ongoing, including staff and administrator  
2 training costs.

3 (5) Potential effects of the additional regulatory  
4 requirements outlined in 55 Pa. Code Ch. 2600 on personal  
5 care homes throughout Pennsylvania;

6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
8 report all findings, conclusions and recommendations to the  
9 House of Representatives within six months of the adoption of  
10 this resolution.