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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint  
2 a select bipartisan committee to study the legal, economic,  
3 safety and ethical implications inherent in the practices  
4 associated with the reuse of artificial hemodialyzers.

5 WHEREAS, Certain hospitals and health care centers are known  
6 to be reusing hemodialyzers despite the manufacturer's  
7 designation of such equipment as not for reuse; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a lack of evidence indicating that reuse of  
9 the hemodialyzers does not pose significant health hazards; and

10 WHEREAS, The patient is compelled to accept this practice of  
11 reuse and afforded no practical alternative; and

12 WHEREAS, The growing controversy concerning the reuse of  
13 these hemodialyzers will, undoubtedly, carry along with it  
14 various legal, economic, safety and ethical implications which  
15 will affect Pennsylvania citizens; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
17 appoint a select bipartisan committee comprised of six members,  
18 three from the majority party and three from the minority party,

1 to study all aspects of this reusage practice and its impacts on  
2 Pennsylvania residents; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and any  
4 recommendations it may have to the House of Representatives  
5 within 90 days of the completion of its study.