
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 316 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY NAHILL, MRKONIC, CESSAR, VROON, KOSINSKI, GEIST,
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SAURMAN, LAUGHLIN, ADOLPH, MAINE, MORRIS, TELEK, DeLUCA,
CORNELL, FOX, SERAFINI, MELIO, SCRIMENTI, DEMPSEY, BUNT,
ITKIN AND RICHARDSON, APRIL 25, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 25, 1990

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to
2 actively pursue a review by Congress of the mandatory two-
3 year waiting period for Medicare enrollment by disabled
4 Social Security beneficiaries with the goal of reducing or
5 eliminating such waiting period.

6 WHEREAS, Present Federal law requires severely disabled
7 Social Security beneficiaries to wait two years before they are
8 eligible for Medicare enrollment; and

9 WHEREAS, Social Security disability beneficiaries are unable
10 to work and have limited income; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of said beneficiaries face extreme hardship
12 during said "waiting period" because of astronomic medical bills
13 and drug expenses they may forego, further aggravating their
14 condition; and

15 WHEREAS, There have been documented cases of Social Security
16 beneficiaries dying as a result of failing to purchase life-
17 saving medication during the two-year waiting period; and

1 WHEREAS, The Social Security Trust Fund has experienced
2 unexpected surpluses in recent years; and

3 WHEREAS, Congress is considering alternatives for use of said
4 surplus funds; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
6 request the members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation
7 to actively pursue a review by Congress of the mandatory two-
8 year waiting period for disabled Social Security recipients to
9 qualify for Medicare benefits in the interest of the health and
10 welfare of a significant portion of the population; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That members of the Pennsylvania congressional
13 delegation are urged to seek a reduction or elimination of the
14 two-year waiting period presently imposed before disabled Social
15 Security recipients are eligible for enrollment in Medicare; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
19 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.