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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 425 Session of  
2005

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INTRODUCED BY MANN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, COHEN, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GANNON, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GOOD, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HERMAN, HERSHEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, M. KELLER, LEACH, LEVDANSKY, MACKERETH, MANDERINO, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, MUNDY, NAILOR, PETRARCA, PETRONE, PISTELLA, RAMALEY, READSHAW, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHANER, SOLOBAY, SURRA, TIGUE, WALKO, WANSACZ AND YUDICHAK, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 investigate and report on the advantages and disadvantages of  
3 allowing small businesses to buy coverage for employees  
4 through the adult basic coverage insurance program.

5 WHEREAS, Employees of small businesses and their dependents  
6 in this Commonwealth should have access to comprehensive primary  
7 health insurance coverage; and

8 WHEREAS, Small business employers are much less likely to  
9 provide health insurance coverage for employees and their  
10 dependents than are larger employers; and

11 WHEREAS, In the present economy, major early retirements,  
12 layoffs and other work separations are on the rise; and

13 WHEREAS, Small businesses have extreme difficulty making  
14 insurance available to their employees; and

15 WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately two-thirds of the

1 uninsured are employed or dependents of employed persons, and  
2 the percentage of people without employment-based health  
3 insurance is climbing; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
5 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to investigate and  
6 report on the advantages and disadvantages of allowing small  
7 businesses to buy coverage for employees through the adult basic  
8 coverage insurance program; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
10 report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly  
11 no later than November 30, 2006.