
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
MARCH 29, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to fund veterans health
2 care at a sustainable level.

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) faces a
4 critical situation in veterans health care funding; and

5 WHEREAS, In the last several years, the VA's health care
6 budget has not kept pace with inflation; and

7 WHEREAS, Ever-increasing demands on the VA's health care
8 system and inadequate resources have placed an enormous stress
9 on the system, causing the VA to struggle to provide the care
10 our veterans have earned and deserve; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the existing funding system, veterans are only
12 covered for six months of long-term care; and

13 WHEREAS, The VA estimates that a \$250 enrollment fee for
14 Priority 7 and 8 veterans and an increase in prescription drug

1 copayments from \$8 to \$15 will force nearly 200,000 veterans to
2 leave the VA's health care system and will force another 1
3 million veterans to not enroll in the system; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Legion estimates that it will cost
5 approximately \$36 billion to provide adequate health care
6 funding for veterans in fiscal year 2008; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
9 States to fund veterans health care at a sustainable level; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
13 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
14 Pennsylvania.