
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, HENNESSEY, GILLEN, GINGRICH, QUINN,
SWANGER, BIZZARRO, PASHINSKI, MAJOR, SAYLOR, CALTAGIRONE,
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HAGGERTY, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MUNDY, PICKETT, ROCK,
SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS, TOEPEL, WATSON, LONGIETTI, BAKER,
PARKER AND BOBACK, APRIL 17, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
APRIL 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the
2 Commonwealth's delivery system of long-term care services and
3 supports for care-dependent older adults, including: a review
4 of the current infrastructure that exists for providing
5 services and supports; consumer access to the system,
6 including an identification of barriers that exist; and
7 financing issues; and to report its findings and
8 recommendations to the General Assembly.

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's long-term care services and
10 supports delivery system is a joint responsibility of the
11 Departments of Aging, Health and Public Welfare and a wide array
12 of for-profit and not-for-profit providers of long-term care
13 services and supports; and

14 WHEREAS, Each department is statutorily responsible for
15 regulating and overseeing certain specific long-term care
16 services and supports designed to provide the most appropriate
17 level of care and services for consumers in an efficient,
18 effective and fiscally accountable manner; and

1 WHEREAS, There is a need for a comprehensive bipartisan
2 ongoing review of issues relating to the Commonwealth's long-
3 term care services and supports delivery system; review of
4 access to long-term care services and supports necessary to meet
5 the needs of care-dependent older Pennsylvanians, including the
6 affordability of services; and the role of public and private
7 sectors in paying for services; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
9 State Government Commission to study the long-term care services
10 and supports delivery system in this Commonwealth in order to
11 ascertain whether the system is meeting the needs of care-
12 dependent older consumers and families; whether current public
13 and private programs for financing services can continue to meet
14 the needs of consumers and their families; and, if servicing and
15 financing needs are not being met, to recommend appropriate
16 corrective measures; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the commission create an advisory committee
18 composed of an equal geographic representation of individuals
19 involved in the delivery of long-term care services and supports
20 and the financing of such services and supports, consumers,
21 families of individuals in need of such services and supports,
22 as well as local area agencies on aging and other State
23 government agencies responsible for oversight and regulation of
24 long-term care services and supports; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the commission conduct public hearings and
26 other comprehensive studies deemed appropriate to identify and
27 prepare for the implementation of measures designed with the
28 goal of ensuring that Pennsylvania's long-term care services and
29 supports delivery system is safe, accessible and affordable for
30 consumers and their families; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the commission prepare a report to the General
2 Assembly with information including an analysis of the current
3 long-term care services and supports delivery system, including
4 the costs associated with that system, and projected future
5 costs of providing long-term care services and supports; and
6 recommendations for a system that preserves and promotes
7 consumer choice and ensuring an efficient, effective and
8 fiscally accountable long-term care services and supports system
9 in this Commonwealth; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the commission report its findings and
11 recommendations to the General Assembly within one year of the
12 adoption of this resolution.