

WHEREAS, States are better suited to understand the insurance needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Therefore, states should be allowed to continue to regulate all insurance policies covering their citizens, including insurance policies regulated by Employment Employee Retirement Income Security Act; now, -therefore, -be- it and

WHEREAS, Congress has exempted Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act from the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Congress is urged to introduce and pass amendments-to legislation to amend the preemption clause of the Employment Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to permit states to regulate the benefits provided by employee health benefits plans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and Raymond J. Donovan, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, who is requested to send copies of this Resolution to all state insurance commissioners or officials who are responsible for regulating insurance in the other 49 states.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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No. 12

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 20)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Community Based Service Programs for the Elderly

FOR the purpose of requesting the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a waiver, pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (as amended), to provide funding for community based service programs for the elderly.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland recognizes that many elderly citizens of Maryland are inappropriately placed or