

WHEREAS, Unlawful discriminatory practices can improperly shift cost from one pharmaceutical purchaser to another; and

WHEREAS, With independent retail pharmacists dispensing two out of every three prescriptions in the country, unlawful discriminatory pricing practices have a profound effect on the cost of health care; ~~and now, therefore, be it~~

~~WHEREAS, Discriminatory pricing represents the most serious and far-reaching problem, both in terms of fair competition and public health and welfare, facing the pharmacy profession today; now, therefore, be it~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State of Maryland urges the President and the Congress of the United States to investigate the effects of unlawful discriminatory pricing practices on the prices paid by consumers of prescription drugs and to take the action necessary to ensure that unlawful discriminatory pricing practices do not result in cost shifting to retail pharmacies and higher prices for consumers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500; the Honorable J. Danforth Quayle, Vice President of the United States, The Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Helen Delich Bentley, Benjamin L. Cardin, C. Thomas McMillen, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Kweisi Mfume, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the following members of the Congress of the United States: Senator David Pryor, Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging of the United States Senate; and Representative Jack Brooks, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic and Commercial Law, Representative John Dingell, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Representative Fortney Stark, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health, all of the United States House of Representatives.

Signed May 2, 1990.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 10)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Sales and Use Tax on Interstate Sales