

*Resolved*, That copies of the Resolution be sent to the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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No. 61

(House Joint Resolution 34)

House Joint Resolution requesting the ~~Governor to appoint a Commission~~ LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to study the need for legislation to provide adequate insurance coverage for outpatient medical services at institutions within the State.

WHEREAS, Many medical insurers provide coverage for inpatient hospital services that are not covered on an outpatient basis; and

WHEREAS, Many hospital services that are performed on an inpatient basis could easily, and more efficiently, be performed on an outpatient basis, not the least of which include simple tonsillectomies, many simple, but vital surgical procedures, and a myriad of preventative diagnostic laboratory procedures; and

WHEREAS, quite often persons postpone necessary hospital services, even when such a delay poses a danger to their health and the public health, because these services are too expensive on an outpatient basis, and accordingly they wait for hospital space so they can take advantage of their inpatient hospital coverage; and

WHEREAS, adequate insurance coverage for outpatient hospital services could produce a reduction in inpatient load at hospitals within the State, thereby lowering the overall costs of hospital care; and

WHEREAS, extending health services and lowering the overall costs of medical care are beneficial to insurers and the public at large; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the ~~Governor~~ LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL be requested to ~~appoint a commission~~ to study the need for legislation to provide adequate insurance coverage for outpatient medical services; ~~and be it further~~.

*Resolved*, That this commission should consist of: representatives of the insurance industry; the Insurance Commissioner; representatives of the State Medical Society; representatives from hospital administration staffs throughout the State; and any other citizens that the Governor may deem appropriate; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this commission should issue its report to the General Assembly and to the Governor prior to the beginning of the 1972 Legislative Session.

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