

of the State of Maryland, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the presiding officer of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Administrator of General Services of the United States.

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No. 36

(Senate Joint Resolution 23)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the ~~Governor of the State of Maryland~~ EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL to establish an Employees' Health Care Program Commission to make a comprehensive study of the feasibility of including all employees of the State of Maryland, including its twenty-four political subdivisions, in a health care program which would provide the maximum available benefits at the lowest possible cost to the employee.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has heretofore assumed a substantial part of the cost of the State Employees' Health Care Program; and

~~WHEREAS, It is inevitable that the State of Maryland must assume the full cost of the State Employees' Health Care Program; and~~

WHEREAS, The cost of the Employees' Health Care Program has increased steadily without a commensurate increase in benefits; and

WHEREAS, There is a definite need for continuous and thorough review and general coordination and supervision of the Health Care Program; and

WHEREAS, At present no provision has been made for such review and supervision which would benefit the State and its employees alike through more efficient use of the funds appropriated and through a program cognizant of and responsive to the needs of the employees of the State of Maryland and its twenty-four political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, If a ~~Commission is established~~ COMMITTEE IS SELECTED to review, supervise and coordinate on a continuing basis the Health Care Program for State employees, the State of Maryland will have taken a giant step forward for the welfare of its employees thereby providing incentive to qualified individuals to become associated with and/or remain in State service; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the ~~Governor of the State of Maryland is requested to establish an Employees' Health Care Program Commission~~ EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL to make a comprehensive study of the feasibility of including all employees of the State of Maryland, including its twenty-four political subdivisions, in a health care program which would provide the maximum available benefits at the lowest possible cost to the employee and which shall be responsible for insuring that the Employees' Health Care Program best serves*