

RESOLVED, That a sufficient number of copies of this Resolution be sent to Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 for distribution to all Maryland hospitals.

Approved April 26, 1973.

-----  
No. 10

(House Joint Resolution 51)

House Joint Resolution calling upon the medical profession of Maryland to examine their rates for middle income Marylanders with the aim of moderating and standardizing their medical charges.

WHEREAS, The medical charges to the middle income taxpayers of Maryland are greatly varied and a serious inequality results between what the middle income person can afford and what the other income categories receive; and

WHEREAS, An example of this exists in East Baltimore where the people pay their taxes, maintain their homes and are law abiding, moral citizens - these people cannot afford high priced medical care, yet do not qualify for low income medical programs; and

WHEREAS, Even in a specific locality such as East Baltimore there are varied charges by doctors for the same medical services; and

WHEREAS, The people of Maryland deserve fair charges for services rendered to them by the medical profession of this State and the first step in this direction should be a close self-examination by the doctors to insure that income and locality disparities do not exist; and

WHEREAS, The middle income people of Maryland deserve relief from rising costs in whatever form they can get it, and although the medical profession deserves a just fee, the irregularity of this current situation must be remedied; and

WHEREAS, The doctors are best prepared to undertake this examination with the general welfare of all Marylanders in mind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the medical profession of Maryland initiate a close self-examination of the rates they are charging to our tax-paying, middle income citizens with the ultimate goal of moderating and standardizing these charges; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, The American Medical Association, 1776 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20016, and a sufficient number of copies to Dr. Neil Solomon for distribution to the heads of Maryland medical associations and committees, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Approved April 26, 1973.