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(House Joint Resolution No. 50)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Eating Disorders - Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia

FOR the purpose of creating a task force to study the extent of the existence in the State of eating disorders, especially anorexia nervosa and bulimia, and to determine how to recognize and treat the problem of eating disorders.

WHEREAS, Eating disorders, especially anorexia nervosa and bulimia, affect many people in this State; and

WHEREAS, Anorexia nervosa and bulimia affects mostly young women, usually in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, The affected person shows excessive concern about obesity and an unrealistic sense of body image, even if lean, and this preoccupation with body weight continues even if the affected person becomes emaciated; and

WHEREAS, Anorexia nervosa and bulimia lead to serious, often life threatening, loss of weight and malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, Treating anorexia nervosa and bulimia often require psychiatric counseling, and sometimes institutionalization and forced feeding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a task force on eating disorders to study the extent of the existence of eating disorders, especially anorexia nervosa and bulimia, and to determine how to recognize and treat the problem; and be it further

RESOLVED That the task force on eating disorders be composed of:

(1) 1 member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 1 member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Governor; and

(3) 2 representatives appointed by the Governor from the health care community, including physicians, nurses, and