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Signed May 14, 1987.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 29)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Governor's Task Force on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a Task Force on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits; designating the membership of the Task Force; stating the charge to the Task Force; and requesting a final report prior to November 1, 1987.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland since 1967 has enacted more than 20 mandated benefit laws requiring health insurance coverage for the treatment of various illnesses, conditions, and disorders and for the services of various health care providers; and

~~WHEREAS, Mandated benefit legislation is controversial and gives rise to valid concerns on the part of employers, employees, insurers, providers, and consumers; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The mandated benefit laws in this State have been enacted on a piecemeal basis without the orderly development of a coherent policy or statutory structure; and~~

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland that a coherent policy and statutory structure with respect to mandated health insurance benefits be developed for the purpose of rationalizing existing law and providing guidance in the future when new mandated benefit legislation is proposed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits consisting of the following members, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as chairman:

- (1) Secretary of Personnel;