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S.P. 261

In Senate, March 7, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

Joy J. O'Brien
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick, Representative CURRAN of Westbrook and Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

Resolve, to Study the Impact of Expanding Licensure of Additional Groups of Health Care Professionals on Health Insurance Costs .

(EMERGENCY)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
3 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

5 **Whereas,** it is necessary to begin the study required by this
resolve during this summer in order to permit sufficient time for
7 study and analysis; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
11 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety; now, therefore, be it

15 **Study committee created and charged. Resolved:** That there is
established the Select Study Committee on Licensure of Health
17 Professionals and Insurance Costs. The committee shall study the
relationship between licensing of categories of health care
19 professionals, mandates that payments to new groups of health
care professionals be covered under private and public insurance
21 programs, and the cost to the State under the Medicaid program
and to purchasers of group and individual health insurance
23 policies; and be it further

25 **Appointment. Resolved:** That the study committee shall
consist of 9 members. There shall be one Senator and 2 members
27 of the House of Representatives from each of the following: the
Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance, the Joint
29 Standing Committee on Business Legislation and the Joint Standing
Committee on Human Resources. Senators shall be appointed by the
31 President of the Senate who shall designate one Senator as
cochair; and Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of
33 the House who shall designate one Representative as cochair; and
be it further

35 **Report. Resolved:** That the study committee shall complete its
37 study by November 1, 1989, and present its findings, together
with any recommended legislation, to the Second Regular Session
39 of the 114th Legislature by January 1, 1990; and be it further

41 **Assistance. Resolved:** That, if staff assistance is desired,
assistance shall be requested from the Legislative Council; and
43 be it further

45 **Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the study
committee shall receive the legislative per diem, as defined in
47 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's
attendance at meetings, and expenses upon application to the
49 Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

51 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This resolve provides for a legislative study of the impact of adopting licensure requirements for new groups of health care professionals on public and private insurance costs, as well as on public programs such as Medicaid which fund health care costs for eligible individuals.