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Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Evaluate and Reduce Medical Paperwork.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENEDIKT of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Representatives: FITZPATRICK of Durham, HATCH of Skowhegan, WINGLASS of Auburn, WINN of Glenburn, Senators: BUSTIN of Kennebec, PARADIS of Aroostook. Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Evaluate and Reduce Medical Paperwork, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 12 members as follows:

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 8 1. One member of the public who is presently receiving Medicare, appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates
 10 submitted by the American Association of Retired Persons;

 One member of the public who is presently receiving United States civil service or military retirement health
 benefits, appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates submitted by the National Association of Retired Federal
 Employees.

 Two members of the public not receiving Medicare, but who are consumers of medical care, appointed by the League of
 Women Voters;

 One physician who is a general practitioner, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One health care provider who is not a physician, 26 appointed the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

28 6. One representative of the insurance industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

7. One representative of the hospital industry, appointed 32 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

34 8. One faculty member of a nursing school, appointed by the President of the Senate;

9. One systems analyst from the computer industry, 38 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

10. Two Legislators, one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives, who are members of the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters, appointed respectively by the President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

Sec. 3. Convening of commission. Resolved: That all 48 appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve. The Chair of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the commission by December 1, 1995. The commission shall elect a chair from among the members; and be it further

6 Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall evaluate the medical claim paperwork currently required of a consumer and 8 medical care provider and shall make recommendations to reduce the amount of paperwork involved in the processing of claims.

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In conducting this study the commission may review the 12 paperwork required of other types of businesses that require individuals to file claims and may consult with individuals whose 14 expertise includes the processing of paperwork; and be it further

16 Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the commission may request staffing assistance from the nonpartisan offices of the 18 Legislative Council; and be it further

20 Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That all members of the commission serve without reimbursement from the State; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit a report, together with any implementing legislation, to the First
 Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by July 1, 1996.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes the Commission to Evaluate and 32 Reduce Medical Paperwork.