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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 59

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council  
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the task of  
3 studying issues related to maintenance of certification  
4 requirements for physician licensure, hospital privileges, and  
5 insurance credentialing, and their impact on patient access to  
6 care in Indiana.

7           *Whereas, A taskforce has been developed to explore health*  
8 *care workforce issues and concerns and applicable reports*  
9 *have cited an expected shortage of physicians in areas of*  
10 *primary care and other health care work force access*  
11 *concerns;*

12           *Whereas, Indiana is facing a physician shortage and*  
13 *patients are facing difficulties accessing care;*

14           *Whereas, Licensing of physicians is a power retained by the*  
15 *individual states and efforts by various non-governmental*  
16 *organizations such as the American Board of Medical*  
17 *Specialties and Federation of State Medical Boards to wrest*  
18 *this power from the states, by forcing physicians to require*  
19 *maintenance of certification from national organizations in*  
20 *order to participate in licensure and various other aspects of*



1 *patient care, is contrary to the well-being of Hoosiers;*

2 *Whereas, The cost of maintenance of certification is*  
3 *significant in terms of expense and time and runs counter to the*  
4 *goals of patient-centered medicine which results in decreased*  
5 *access and increased costs; and*

6 *Whereas, A number of other states including Florida,*  
7 *Oklahoma, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, New*  
8 *York, North Carolina, and Arizona have either enacted into law*  
9 *or have pending legislation that are collectively known as*  
10 *"Right to Care Acts": Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
12 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

13 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the  
14 appropriate study committee issues related to the requirements for  
15 maintenance of certification for physician licensure, hospital privileges,  
16 and insurance credentialing in Indiana.

