
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, AUGUST 12, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to expand TRICARE
2 Reserve Select eligibility to include members of reserve
3 components of the Armed Forces of the United States who are
4 enrolled or eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees
5 Health Benefits Program.

6 WHEREAS, TRICARE is the Federal health care program for
7 active duty service members, National Guard members, reserve
8 members and their family members around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, TRICARE provides comprehensive coverage, including
10 health care, dental care, vision care, mental health care,
11 prescriptions and other special programs, to beneficiaries; and

12 WHEREAS, There are three reserve components of the Armed
13 Forces of the United States, including the Ready Reserve, which
14 maintains a pool of trained service members that may be recalled
15 to active duty should the need arise; and

16 WHEREAS, The Ready Reserve is divided into three programs,
17 including the Selected Reserve, whose members are considered
18 active-status members of a United States military Ready Reserve
19 unit; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal employees who serve in the National Guard or
2 Armed Forces reserve component are ineligible and prohibited
3 from enrolling in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) coverage; and

4 WHEREAS, This prohibition undermines TRS as a recruiting
5 tool; and

6 WHEREAS, This prohibition penalizes reservists serving their
7 country in a civilian capacity and creates a financial incentive
8 to not work for the Federal Government; and

9 WHEREAS, TRICARE enhances the Department of Defense and our
10 nation's security by providing health support for the full range
11 of military operations and sustaining the health of all those
12 entrusted to its care; and

13 WHEREAS, States cannot expand eligibility for TRICARE
14 coverage as TRICARE is a Federal program; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
17 States to expand TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility to include
18 members of reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United
19 States who are enrolled or eligible to enroll in the Federal
20 Employees Health Benefits Program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and each member
23 of Congress from Pennsylvania.