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J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ADVISE ON THE NEED
FOR NEW HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH
SERVICES**

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, McNamara, Guthrie, Edwards, and DaSilva

Date Introduced: June 28, 2011

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for the development,
2 establishment, and enforcement of standards for the authorization and allocation of new
3 institutional health services and new health care equipment; and

4 WHEREAS, Health care providers and health care facilities may develop or offer new
5 health care equipment or institutional services in Rhode Island only with prior review and
6 approval, with certain exceptions, by the health services council and, other state agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior review and approval may be waived by the health services council in
8 certain circumstances; and

9 WHEREAS, It would be of benefit to the health care system in Rhode Island to determine
10 appropriate dollars thresholds for requiring review under chapter 23-15; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That a commission, known as the "New Health Care Equipment and New
12 Institutional Services Commission" be and the same is hereby created consisting of the following
13 eighteen (18) members:

14 (1) Three (3) hospital CEOs nominated from among the hospitals in Rhode Island, one of
15 whom shall be the CEO of a community hospital which is to affiliated with a health care system;

16 (2) One physician nominated from among the primary care specialty societies in Rhode
17 Island;

18 (3) One physician nominated from among the specialty physician organizations in Rhode
19 Island;

- 1 (4) One nurse or allied health professional nominated from among their state trade
- 2 organizations in Rhode Island;
- 3 (5) One practicing nursing home administrator, nominated by a long-term care provider
- 4 organization in Rhode Island;
- 5 (6) One provider from among the community mental health centers in Rhode Island;
- 6 (7) One representative from among the community health centers of Rhode Island;
- 7 (8) One person from a health professional learning institution located in Rhode Island;
- 8 (9) Director of the department of health or designee;
- 9 (10) Director of the department of human services or designee;
- 10 (11) CEOs of each health insurance company that administers the health insurance of ten
- 11 percent (10%) or more of insured Rhode Islanders;
- 12 (12) The speaker of the house or designee;
- 13 (13) The house minority leader or designee;
- 14 (14) The president of the senate or designee;
- 15 (15) The senate minority leader or designee; and
- 16 (16) The health care advocate of the department of the attorney general.

17 The purpose of this task force is to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the
18 appropriate dollar thresholds for requiring review under chapter 23-15. This evaluation shall
19 consider, among other factors, the effects the thresholds have on: (i) The quality and effectiveness
20 of health care services in the state; (ii) The availability, accessibility, efficiency, and affordability
21 of health care services in the state; (iii) The financial operations and vitality of providers and
22 payers of health care services in the state; and (iv) The effectiveness of statewide health system
23 planning and the determination of need process.

24 Forthwith upon pass of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the
25 call of the speaker of the house and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
26 legislators. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
27 appointment.

28 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

29 All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,
30 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
31 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

32 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
33 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the

- 1 General Assembly no later than February 1, 2012, and said commission shall expire on February
- 2 12, 2012.

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