

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 588

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A RESOLUTION to encourage the coverage of men's wellness and preventive services under health insurance.

WHEREAS, the addition of preventive services for women occasioned by the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) represents a significant step forward for the health of girls and women; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a similar preventive services package for men would represent a step forward for the health of men while complimenting the services extended to women and even having a positive impact on the health of women; and

WHEREAS, preventive services for men should include: chlamydia and gonorrhea screening for all sexually active male adolescents and men, prostate cancer screening for men known to be at very high risk of such cancer, well man annual preventive care visits, and vaccination of appropriate males for Human Papilloma Virus; and

WHEREAS, in order to extend health insurance coverage of these men's wellness and preventive services in Tennessee, appropriate federal legislation, federal administrative action by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or state regulatory action by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance is necessary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body does urge the United States Congress to pass amendments to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) to ensure the coverage of men's wellness and preventive services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body urges the secretary of health and human services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to take whatever lawful

administrative action is necessary under current law to ensure the coverage of men's wellness and preventive services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this body urges the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to examine the need for and the benefits of ensuring the coverage of men's wellness and preventive services by administrative action, or by recommending new legislation to the General Assembly, and by reporting its conclusions to the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly no later than January 15, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, and to Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance Julie Mix McPeak.