

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Hospital Regulations

FOR the purpose of requesting the ~~Governor~~ Legislative Policy Committee to establish a commission to review all State laws and regulations, other than those directly relating to cost, with which hospitals are required to comply; specifying the membership of the commission; specifying the source of secretarial and support services for the commission; requiring the commission to prepare a report and recommendations for the General Assembly by a certain date; and specifying to whom the Resolution shall be sent.

WHEREAS, Hospitals in Maryland are required to comply with numerous regulations;

WHEREAS, The efficiency of operation is impaired when excessive staff time must be devoted to responding to requests for data concerning various hospital activities; and

WHEREAS, The same data is collected by different State agencies for various purposes; and

WHEREAS, Responding to duplicate or unnecessary requests needlessly increases the work load of hospitals' administrative staff; and

WHEREAS, The Health Services Cost Review Commission has demonstrated expertise in overseeing the regulations involving the cost of health care; and

WHEREAS, A more efficient approach to the collection and distribution of data required from hospitals and a comprehensive review of all regulations under which hospitals operate would aid in the delivery of high quality health care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Governor~~ Legislative Policy Committee is requested to establish a commission to review all laws and regulations, other than those relating directly to the cost of care, with which hospitals are required to comply; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this commission shall consist of one member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House, one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and the following persons who should be appointed by the Governor: four persons with expertise in hospital regulations employed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a representative from the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, a representative from the Maryland Hospital Association, a