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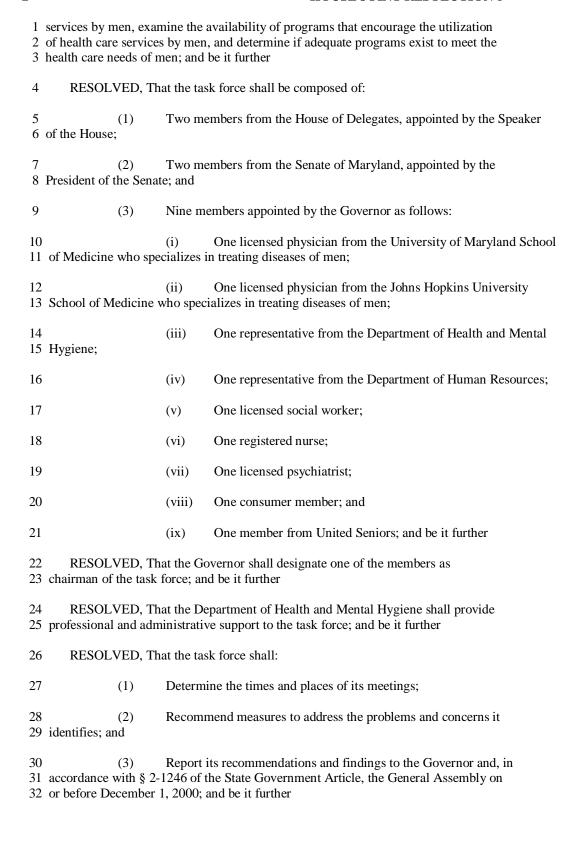
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HOUS	E JOINT RESOLUTION
1 A	House Joint Resolution concerning
2	Task Force to Study the Utilization of Health Care Services by Men
3 FO 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	OR the purpose of establishing a task force to study, review, and make recommendations on why men are less likely to seek medical treatment; requiring the task force to examine utilization patterns, review existing programs that provide health care for men, and assess the needs for any additional health care programs for men; providing for the composition and meetings of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; providing for termination of the task force; and generally relating to a task force to study utilization of health care services by men.
12 13 h	WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that men have a predisposition to underutilize ealth care services; and
14 15 h	WHEREAS, There is little information known about why men do not utilize ealth care services to the fullest possible extent; and
16 17 h	WHEREAS, Access and utilization of medical care are key determinants of ealth status; and
18 19 ye	WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that men, on average have a life span that is 6 ears less than that of women; and
20 21 o	WHEREAS, There is a societal benefit to finding ways to encourage utilization f health care services by men; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That there is a

23 task force to study, review, and make recommendations on the Utilization of Health 24 Care Services by Men which shall examine the patterns of utilization of health care



- 1 RESOLVED, That the members of the task force may not receive compensation
- 2 but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel
- 3 Regulations, as provided in the State Budget; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the existence of the task force shall terminate on December
- 5 31, 2000; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
- 7 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
- 8 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 9 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.