

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Protection of the Federal Affordable Care Act**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing the sharp disagreement of the General Assembly of
4 Maryland with the repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act; urging the U.S.
5 Congress to promptly protect certain provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act;
6 urging the Governor of Maryland to join in urging the U.S. Congress to promptly
7 protect certain provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act; and generally relating
8 to the repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act.

9 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would eliminate health
10 insurance coverage for approximately 20,000,000 Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has presented no other option to provide health care
12 services for the more than 430,000 Marylanders covered under the federal Affordable Care
13 Act; and

14 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would allow insurance
15 companies to deny coverage for Marylanders with preexisting conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would no longer allow
17 41,000 Marylanders who are under the age of 26 years to be covered by their parents' health
18 insurance; and

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would end preventive
2 health coverage for more than 2,900,000 Maryland residents; and

3 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would reduce the access
4 of Maryland residents to mental health care; and

5 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would increase
6 out-of-pocket health-related expenses for Maryland seniors and threatens Medicare
7 prescription benefits for 900,000 Maryland beneficiaries; and

8 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would allow insurance
9 companies to discriminate against Maryland's women; and

10 WHEREAS, The defunding of family planning and women's health care programs
11 threatens services for thousands of women in Maryland; and

12 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act jeopardizes over \$7.7
13 billion in federal funding for Maryland health services over the next 5 years; and

14 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act threatens \$2.3 billion in
15 Medicare and Medicaid payments into the Maryland health care system; now, therefore,

16 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
17 Assembly of Maryland sharply disagrees with the repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act
18 and urges the U.S. Congress to promptly protect provisions of the law that ensure all
19 Marylanders have access to affordable health insurance coverage, free from discriminatory
20 rates and policies; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland urges the Governor of
22 Maryland to join in urging the U.S. Congress to promptly protect provisions of the law that
23 ensure all Marylanders have access to affordable health insurance coverage, free from
24 discriminatory rates and policies; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
26 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland and
27 the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L. Cardin and Christopher
28 Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives
29 Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Anthony G. Brown,
30 Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John K. Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Jamie Raskin, House
31 Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.