

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education, and Research**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Prostate Cancer Awareness,
4 Education, and Research; requiring the Task Force to develop certain
5 recommendations concerning the establishment of a certain comprehensive
6 State program relating to prostate cancer; providing for the composition,
7 quorum, and meetings of the Task Force and for certain reimbursement for its
8 members; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report on or before a
9 certain date; terminating the Task Force after a certain date; and generally
10 relating to a certain Task Force on Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education, and
11 Research.

12 WHEREAS, Spurred by an increase in early detection testing, the incidence of
13 prostate cancer has increased dramatically in the past 5 years and is especially
14 prevalent in men over the age of 65; and

15 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for
16 men and was fatal to some 39,200 men in 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, There is a very high incidence and mortality rate of prostate cancer
18 within the African American community; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a need to establish a comprehensive State program to focus
20 on issues concerning education about the prevention, early detection, and treatment
21 of prostate cancer; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That there is a
23 Task Force on Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education, and Research; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop recommendations concerning
25 the establishment of a comprehensive State program to support:

26 (1) Prostate cancer medical research;

27 (2) Physician education and awareness concerning the causes and
28 treatment of prostate cancer; and

1 (3) Public education and screening services for prostate cancer,
2 particularly for members of minority groups; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of 15 members, as follows:

4 (1) Two members of the House of Delegates:

5 (i) One of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;
6 and

7 (ii) One of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House on
8 the recommendation of the Minority Leader of the House of Delegates;

9 (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland:

10 (i) One of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;
11 and

12 (ii) One of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate
13 on the recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate;

14 (3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's
15 designee; and

16 (4) Ten members from the general public including, in a proportion
17 determined by the Governor, physicians and prostate cancer survivors; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That:

20 (1) The members of the Task Force shall select a chairperson from the
21 membership of the Task Force;

22 (2) Eight members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum; and

23 (3) The Task Force shall determine the times and places of its meetings;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a member of the Task Force:

26 (1) May not receive compensation; but

27 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
28 Travel Regulation as provided in the State budget; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide
30 staff support for the Task Force; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That, on or before December 1, 2000, the Task Force shall submit
32 a report with its recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
33 State Government Article, to the General Assembly; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall terminate on December 1, 2000; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
5 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
6 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.