

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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By: **Senators Conway, Astle, Benson, Currie, DeGrange, Feldman, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kagan, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Miller, Muse, Nathan–Pulliam, Peters, Pinsky, Ramirez, Robinson, Rosapepe, Smith, Young, and Zucker**

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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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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