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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1309*

Sponsors: Representatives Stamey; Fussell, Hall, Kuczmariski, B. Miller, Nesbitt, Richardson, and Spears.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

May 10, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPLICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE
3 FOR THE COST-EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE.

4 Whereas, in the western world, 80% of the population will experience
5 disabling back pain during their lives, and at any given time approximately 7% of the
6 adult population in the United States is experiencing a bout of back pain that has been
7 continuing for more than two weeks; and

8 Whereas, in 1992 the best estimate of direct and indirect costs of back pain in
9 the United States is \$60,000,000,000, and in the United States in 1990 workers
10 compensation costs for back and spinal care were about \$30,000,000,000; and

11 Whereas, independent research authorities such as the RAND Corporation
12 reported in 1991 that spinal manipulation was now proven an appropriate treatment for
13 most back pain patients; and

14 Whereas, chiropractic care is now the third largest primary health care
15 profession in the western world after medicine and dentistry with approximately 80% of
16 chiropractic care being for muscular-related pain, 10% being for migraine headaches,
17 and 10% being for a wide variety of disorders caused fully or in part by spine lesions;
18 and

19 Whereas, studies show that chiropractic management is highly cost-effective,
20 reflecting almost a two to one advantage in work days lost and reduction in cost per
21 injury;

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

- 1 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study:
- 2 (1) The efficient and effective delivery of appropriate chiropractic care;
- 3 (2) The extensive demand for chiropractic care as well as patient freedom
- 4 of choice concerning appropriate care; and
- 5 (3) The cost-effectiveness of chiropractic care.
- 6 Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report of
- 7 the results of this study, including legislative recommendations, to the 1993 General
- 8 Assembly, Regular Session 1994, and shall make a final report to the 1995 General
- 9 Assembly.
- 10 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.