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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1172*

Sponsors: Senator Parnell.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF RECOVERY CARE CENTERS AND
3 THEIR ROLE IN DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY
4 HEALTH CARE.

5 Whereas, health care costs are rising faster than the economy; and

6 Whereas, the rising costs of hospital maintenance and hospital care are
7 fueling these increases; and

8 Whereas, there have been significant advances in medicine over the last two
9 decades as a result of ambulatory surgery; and

10 Whereas, other states have begun programs in which their ambulatory
11 surgical centers have been operating as "recovery care centers", keeping surgical
12 patients for up to 72 hours after their operations; and

13 Whereas, if true health reform is to be achieved, North Carolina must look to
14 bold new programs that, while they might pose some small risk, have the potential for
15 producing great benefits;

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

17 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of
18 recovery care centers and their role in developing a system of affordable, quality health
19 care. This study may consider allowing certain ambulatory surgical facilities operating
20 as recovery care centers to admit patients needing extended recovery care for a period
21 not to exceed 72 hours and may consider how such a change would affect our State's
22 ever-rising health care costs as well as our State's ongoing need for quality health care.

23 The Commission may make an interim report, including any legislative
24 proposals, to the 1993 General Assembly, Regular Session 1994, and a final report,
25 including any legislative proposals, to the 1995 General Assembly.

26 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification