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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 105

Offered January 26, 1998

Requesting the Virginia Retirement System to report to the Joint Commission on Health Care regarding the feasibility of offering long-term care insurance to state and local employees.

Patrons—Martin, Bolling, Gartlan, Lambert, Schrock, Walker and Woods; Delegates: Baker, DeBoer, Diamonstein, Hall, Melvin and Morgan

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the population of the Commonwealth is rapidly aging; and
WHEREAS, Virginians over the age of 85 are the fastest-growing segment of the State's population; and

WHEREAS, the demand for long-term services is expected to increase rapidly; and
WHEREAS, the Medicaid program finances approximately 70 percent of the nursing home care provided in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, long-term care insurance offers a means of encouraging family and individual responsibility for long-term care insurance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Retirement System currently administers a group life and optional group life program for state and local employees; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Health Care's Long-Term Care Subcommittee is currently studying long-term care financing issues, including long-term care insurance; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) study the feasibility of offering long-term care insurance for state and local employees and VRS retirees. VRS should consider the feasibility of offering long-term care insurance as a stand-alone product or as a rider to the existing group life or optional group life programs.

The VRS shall report its findings to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 1998.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall consider the VRS's report, the ongoing deliberations of the Commission on the Management of the Commonwealth's Workforce, and other information as may seem appropriate in formulating recommendations to the 1999 General Assembly.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Commission on Health Care and its staff, upon request.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1999 General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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