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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 556

Directing the Joint Commission on Health Care, with the assistance of the State Department of Health, to examine the adequacy of state oversight of freestanding renal dialysis facilities.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 1999

WHEREAS, renal dialysis is an important part of care for persons with chronic kidney disease; and
WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Health Care has previously reviewed the adequacy of state oversight of other types of health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health is the primary state regulator of health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, outpatient renal dialysis services provided within hospitals is currently regulated by the State Department of Health under regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, renal dialysis services are offered in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, consumer concern has been expressed regarding the adequacy of state oversight of freestanding renal dialysis facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Commission on Health Care, with the assistance of the State Department of Health, be directed to examine (i) the adequacy of current state oversight of freestanding renal dialysis facilities; (ii) needed changes, if any, to state law and regulations; (iii) the advisability of licensure of dialysis technicians; and (iv) other issues as appropriate.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate fully with the Joint Commission and its staff during this study, upon request.

The Joint Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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