

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **The 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~~ 24,000,000 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

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, The repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act would no longer allow
2 41,000 Marylanders who are under the age of 26 years to be covered by their parents' health
3 insurance; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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