

Senate Resolution 865

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Shafer of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the creation of the State of Georgia Council on Respiratory Health Promotion;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, disparities in health outcomes are increasingly costly to the state, financially
4 and socially, but are in large part preventable; and

5 WHEREAS, people with chronic respiratory conditions require seamless health care from
6 provider to treatment; and

7 WHEREAS, patients with asthma, severe asthma, COPD, and other respiratory diseases, and
8 their families, caregivers, employers, and the health system have a disproportionately high
9 economic, clinical, and social burden; and

10 WHEREAS, the current asthma state plan expires in 2018; identifying barriers to effective
11 prevention, screening, medication adherence, and treatment for patients with asthma, severe
12 asthma, and COPD would be in the state's interest; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to create via rules and regulations a State Council on
14 Respiratory Health Promotion.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body supports:

16 (1) The creation of a State Council on Respiratory Health Promotion ("the Council") by
17 the Department of Public Health through rules and regulations;

18 (2) That the Council be composed of seven citizen members appointed from the public and
19 one from the Department of Public Health;

20 (3) That the Council address issues affecting health promotion services in the state,
21 including professional and patient education; successful respiratory disease education
22 strategies; personnel preparation and continuing education; state expenditures for treatment
23 of chronic diseases; screening services; and public awareness;

24 (4) That the Council advise the legislature on legislation that is needed to develop further
25 and maintain a state-wide system of services for persons with respiratory disease;

26 (5) That the Council assist the Department of Public Health to establish a surveillance and
27 intervention program for patients with respiratory disease; and

28 (6) That the Council develop and implement a state plan for respiratory disease treatment,
29 education, and training.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
32 Public Health.