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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STEELE, SHUSTERMAN, D. WILLIAMS AND KAZEEM, JULY 11, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 11, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for health care as a human right.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby resolves as follows:

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 30. Health care as a human right.

9 It is the obligation of the State to ensure that every  
10 resident of this Commonwealth has access to cost-effective,  
11 clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a  
12 fundamental right as well as the opportunity to achieve and  
13 enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental  
14 health.

15 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
16 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

1           (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
2 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
3 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
4 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
5 of Pennsylvania.

6           (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
7 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
8 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
9 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
10 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
11 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
12 Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which  
13 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
14 Constitution of Pennsylvania.