

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study as to the feasibility of establishing a no-
3 fault catastrophic loss fund to provide payment for claims
4 brought as the result of birth-related neurological injuries.

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is facing a critical shortage of
6 physicians specializing in obstetrics in both its rural and
7 urban areas; and

8 WHEREAS, Obstetrics is a high-risk medical specialty, and
9 physicians practicing obstetrics pay high medical malpractice
10 insurance premiums, which continue to rise; and

11 WHEREAS, A birth other than a medically defined "normal
12 birth" frequently leads to a malpractice claim against the
13 attending physician, making obstetricians among those most
14 affected by claims of medical malpractice; and

15 WHEREAS, The cost of claims related to birth-related
16 neurological injuries are particularly high; and

17 WHEREAS, Obstetric services are vital to the health and
18 welfare of the people of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
2 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study as
3 to the feasibility of establishing a no-fault catastrophic loss
4 fund to provide payment for claims brought as the result of
5 birth-related neurological injuries; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
7 submit its report to the General Assembly within one year from
8 the adoption of this resolution.