

## House Resolution 1155

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging state-wide support for passage of the "Georgia PAD Screening and Amputation  
2 Prevention Act," to establish state agency programs and healthcare coverage requirements  
3 to prevent or reduce amputations due to peripheral artery disease; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, peripheral artery disease, or PAD, is a progressive medical condition in which  
5 the peripheral arteries, primarily in the legs, become narrowed or blocked, reducing blood  
6 flow to the affected areas; and

7 WHEREAS, an estimated ten to 12 million adults in the United States have PAD, increasing  
8 the risk of limb amputations, heart attack, stroke, and death; and

9 WHEREAS, risk factors for PAD include Type 1 or 2 diabetes, smoking, high blood  
10 pressure, chronic kidney disease, atherosclerosis in other parts of the body, and being 75  
11 years of age or older; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly half of the people 65 years of age and older who had a limb amputated  
13 because of PAD died within a year of surgery; and

14 WHEREAS, only a fraction of patients with PAD are diagnosed, resulting in undertreatment;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, early detection of, accurate diagnosis of, and regular healthcare services for  
17 PAD are critical for initiating treatment, providing medical interventions, and improving  
18 health outcomes; and

19 WHEREAS, ways to help early detection of PAD include establishing a patient registry,  
20 launching public awareness campaigns, offering training grants, and providing facility  
21 incentives; and

22 WHEREAS, providing for the coverage of certain screenings and healthcare services can  
23 prevent limb amputations and death; and

24 WHEREAS, establishing state agency programs and requiring coverage of certain screenings  
25 and healthcare services can make Georgia the number one state for living long and healthy  
26 lives.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body urge state-wide support for passage of the "Georgia PAD Screening  
29 and Amputation Prevention Act," to establish state agency programs and healthcare coverage  
30 requirements to prevent or reduce amputations due to peripheral artery disease.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Governor, the Commissioner of Insurance, the commissioner of public health, the  
34 commissioner of community health, and all members of the Georgia General Assembly.