

House Resolution 1794

By: Representatives Berry of the 56th, Herring of the 145th, Park of the 107th, Frye of the 122nd, Hugley of the 141st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Commissioner of Insurance to conduct a comprehensive review of prescription
2 drug pricing and identify strategies to reduce the cost of prescription medications for citizens
3 of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the cost of prescription drugs has increased significantly in recent years, placing
5 a substantial financial burden on patients, families, employers, and public health programs
6 across the State of Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, high prescription drug prices can lead to decreased medication adherence,
8 resulting in worsened health outcomes and increased long-term healthcare costs; and
- 9 WHEREAS, greater transparency of pharmaceutical pricing, including the roles of
10 manufacturers, pharmacy benefits managers, insurers, and other stakeholders, is necessary
11 to fully understand cost drivers within the pharmaceutical supply chain; and
- 12 WHEREAS, other states have undertaken comprehensive reviews of prescription drug
13 affordability, including the use of all-payer claims data, advisory panels, and reporting
14 requirements to better understand pricing trends and identify policy solutions; and

15 WHEREAS, a coordinated, evidence based review in Georgia would help identify
16 opportunities to improve affordability, enhance transparency, and ensure that cost savings
17 are passed on to consumers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is uniquely positioned to evaluate
19 insurance market practices, claims data, and pricing structures affecting prescription drug
20 costs in Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body urge the Commissioner of Insurance to conduct a comprehensive
23 review of prescription drug pricing and identify strategies to reduce the cost of prescription
24 medications for citizens of the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of findings and recommendations be submitted
26 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Commissioner of Insurance, the public, and the press.