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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In response to increasing prescription drug
3 costs, many health plans and prescription drug plans have
4 increased enrollee cost-sharing amounts, instituted
5 coinsurance, and created specialty tiers resulting in
6 increased medication costs for patients participating in those
7 plans; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures
9 reports that between the years 2000 and 2009, copayments for
10 insured workers have increased for specialty-tier drugs; and

11 WHEREAS, Many health plans and prescription drug plans now
12 require individuals to pay a coinsurance or percentage of the
13 cost of fourth-tier or specialty-tier prescription
14 medications; and

15 WHEREAS, Fourth-tier or specialty-tier medications often
16 include medications for chronic diseases, including certain
17 types of cancer, hemophilia, multiple sclerosis, myositis,
18 neuropathy, arthritis, human immunodeficiency virus, and other
19 diseases and disorders; and

20 WHEREAS, Coinsurance, cost-sharing, and specialty-tier
21 pricing place significant and onerous financial burdens upon

1 insured individuals with chronic health care issues requiring
2 prescription medication, in many cases leading to decreased
3 adherence or failure to take medications as prescribed,
4 resulting in acute incidents and negative health outcomes;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 the Department of Insurance is requested to study the impacts
9 of cost sharing, coinsurance, and specialty-tier pricing for
10 prescription medications; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the study shall (1) determine the impact of
12 cost sharing, coinsurance, and specialty-tier pricing on
13 access to prescription medications for chronic health
14 disorders and (2) identify and evaluate options for reducing
15 any negative impacts of cost sharing, coinsurance, and
16 specialty-tier pricing, including, but not limited to,
17 statutory limitations on cost sharing obligations for
18 prescription medications; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Department of Insurance shall report to
20 the General Assembly on the first day of the regular session,
21 2012, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations
22 together with drafts of legislation necessary to effectuate its
23 recommendations; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Director of Insurance.