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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1111, L.D. 1676, “Resolve, to Study Ways to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Rural Emergency Medical Services Personnel Through Access to Health Insurance”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study Ways to Improve Recruitment and Retention of Rural Emergency Services Personnel'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "medical services personnel through access to health insurance" and inserting the following: 'services personnel including, but not limited to, emergency medical services persons, volunteer or part-time firefighters and health care workers'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "services" the following: 'or firefighting'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph B the following:

'C. One member who represents a statewide association of volunteer firefighters;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study ways to improve recruitment and retention of emergency services personnel in rural areas of the State. In its study, the commission may examine all benefits that may incentivize the recruitment and retention of rural emergency services personnel, which must include, at a minimum:

- 1. Increased access to health insurance;
- 2. Financial incentives including stipends, tuition assistance and loan forgiveness;
- 3. Increased access to mental health support;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

