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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; and Berger of Franklin.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE
2 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY "DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS" ISSUED
3 BY A PHYSICIAN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PATIENT'S DECLARATION FOR
4 NATURAL DEATH.

5 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight Committee may study
7 the validity of "do not resuscitate" (DNR) orders issued by a physician in the absence of a
8 declaration for natural death made by the patient for whom the DNR order was issued. In
9 conducting the study, the Committee may consider the matters raised in Senate Bill 685, 2007
10 General Assembly.

11 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

