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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Tyler*

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A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of liability for asbestos related illnesses.

*Whereas, Exposure to asbestos can be harmful to our health;*

*Whereas, Those who work in building construction, shipping, mining, automotive brake and clutch repair, and other industries that use asbestos have a much higher asbestos exposure rate;*

*Whereas, These workers have increased chances of contracting two principal types of cancer: cancer of the lung*

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*tissue and mesothelioma, a cancer of the thin membrane that surrounds the lung and other internal organs; and*

*Whereas, It is necessary that our state thoroughly study the extent of liability for asbestos related illnesses: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to a
- 2           study committee the topic of liability for asbestos related illnesses.
- 3           SECTION 2. That if a committee is assigned the topic
- 4           recommended for study, the committee shall consider the following:
- 5           (1) The appropriate period of repose or limitation for an action
- 6           concerning liability for asbestos related illnesses, in light of
- 7           current medical understanding of mesothelioma and other
- 8           asbestos related illnesses.
- 9           (2) Determination of the persons involved in the production,
- 10          manufacture, sale, use, or installation of asbestos and asbestos
- 11          containing materials who should be held liable for asbestos
- 12          related illnesses.
- 13          (3) Determination of the persons suffering from an asbestos
- 14          related illness who should be eligible to bring an action based on
- 15          the asbestos related illness.
- 16          (4) Determination of the Indiana companies that may be subject
- 17          to civil liability based on an asbestos related illness.
- 18          (5) Determination of the number of victims of asbestos related
- 19          illnesses residing in Indiana, the means by which they were
- 20          exposed to asbestos, and the type of asbestos related illnesses the
- 21          victims have contracted.
- 22          (6) The availability and effectiveness of worker's compensation
- 23          for victims of asbestos related illnesses.
- 24          (7) Funding with respect to programs to benefit victims of
- 25          asbestos related illnesses.
- 26          (8) Any other issue related to liability arising from exposure to
- 27          asbestos.

