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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Purcell; Allran, Apodaca, Ballantine, Bingham, Blake, Carpenter, Dannelly, Dorsett, Foxx, Garwood, Gulley, Hartsell, Holloman, Hoyle, Kinnaird, Lucas, Pittenger, and Rucho.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 24, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE KNOWN ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES AND
3 TRIGGERS OF CANCER.

4 Whereas, there are 247 known environmental causes and triggers of cancer,
5 including certain medications such as steroidal estrogens; and

6 Whereas, there are newly listed known causes of cancer, which include (i)
7 broad spectrum ultraviolet radiation, whether generated by the sun or artificial sources
8 such as tanning beds and ultraviolet lamps, (ii) wood dust created from cutting and
9 shaping wood, and (iii) nickel compounds and beryllium compounds commonly used in
10 industry; and

11 Whereas, educating the public about the causes and risks of cancer is an
12 important tool in detecting and preventing cancer; Now, therefore,

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

14 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the
15 environmental causes and triggers of cancer and the presence of environmental issues in
16 this State that are among the known environmental causes and triggers of cancer.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
18 report to the 2003 General Assembly, 2004 Regular Session, and shall make its final
19 report to the 2005 General Assembly.

20 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.