



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Financial and Professional  
3 Regulation has established as its mission to serve, safeguard,  
4 and promote the public welfare by ensuring that licensure  
5 qualifications and standards for professional practice are  
6 properly evaluated, accurately applied, and vigorously  
7 enforced; and

8 WHEREAS, Among the professions regulated by the Department  
9 are physicians licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A 1997 program audit of "Physicians Regulated  
12 Under the Medical Practice Act" conducted by the Office of the  
13 Auditor General found that the Department of Professional  
14 Regulation lacked adequate management controls in its  
15 investigatory, disciplinary, and probationary processes; The  
16 audit contained 16 recommendations for improving the  
17 Department's performance; and

18 WHEREAS, The public needs assurance that the Department is  
19 effectively regulating and disciplining physicians who do not  
20 comply with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act of 1987  
21 and that the public is appropriately and timely informed of  
22 these regulatory and disciplinary actions; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 we urge the Auditor General to conduct a program audit of the  
26 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's  
27 disciplining of physicians who violate provisions of the  
28 Medical Practice Act of 1987; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the audit shall include, but shall not be  
30 limited to, the following determinations: (i) the Department's

1 compliance with State law regarding the disciplining of  
2 physicians; (ii) the Department's procedures for determining  
3 the need for, and nature of, any recommended disciplinary  
4 actions; (iii) the Department's process for ensuring that its  
5 recommended disciplinary actions are implemented and that any  
6 specified corrective steps are instituted; and (iv) the  
7 Department's process for communicating results of disciplinary  
8 action to the public; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Financial and  
10 Professional Regulation, other State agencies and employees,  
11 and any other entity or person that may have information  
12 relevant to this audit to cooperate fully and promptly with the  
13 Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be  
14 it further

15       RESOLVED, That we urge the Auditor General to commence this  
16 audit as soon as possible and report the results upon  
17 completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of  
18 the Illinois State Auditing Act.