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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Due to the inherent risk of procedures related to  
3 the practice of obstetrics, the costs of medical malpractice  
4 insurance for obstetricians is increasing drastically; and

5           WHEREAS, The increase in costs for medical malpractice  
6 insurance is forcing many obstetricians to retire or move out  
7 of Illinois and is dissuading doctors from entering the  
8 specialty of obstetrics and, as a result, there is a shortage  
9 of obstetricians in many portions of Illinois; and

10           WHEREAS, A shortage of obstetricians puts the health of  
11 many women and babies at risk; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 there is created an Obstetricians Task Force consisting of 8  
15 members appointed as follows: one legislative member appointed  
16 by the President of the Senate; one legislative member  
17 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one legislative  
18 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives; one legislative member appointed by the  
20 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 4 members  
21 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a physician who  
22 specializes in obstetrics, one of whom shall be a  
23 representative of the insurance industry, and one of whom shall  
24 be a representative of the patients of obstetricians; and be it  
25 further

26           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the obstacles  
27 facing obstetricians in this State and shall file a report of  
28 its findings and recommendations to the House of  
29 Representatives on or before January 1, 2005.