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1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 221

2                    AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 221 by replacing  
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4                    "WHEREAS, A family of drug-resistant bacteria, that  
5 experts say kills up to 50% of people infected, is spreading in  
6 Chicago and elsewhere, prompting doctors and public health  
7 officials to step up efforts to protect patients; and

8                    WHEREAS, Infections caused by these germs - called  
9 carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae, or CRE - are still  
10 rare, but are difficult and sometimes impossible to treat; no  
11 one knows the exact number of CRE infections or deaths in  
12 Illinois or nationwide; and

13                    WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control says an increasing  
14 percentage of germs in the entero-bacteriaceae family are  
15 becoming resistant to the carbapenems antibiotics used as a

1 last-resort treatment for seriously-ill people; and

2 WHEREAS, A decade ago, 1% of these bacteria were resistant;  
3 now 4% are resistant, while one type has increased from 2% to  
4 10%; and

5 WHEREAS, CRE are spread by unclean hands, but medical  
6 devices, such as ventilators or catheters, increase the risk of  
7 life-threatening infection, because they can introduce new  
8 bacteria into the blood stream; and

9 WHEREAS, CRE have high mortality rates and kill up to half  
10 of the people who get serious infections with them; CRE can  
11 also spread their resistance to other bacteria; and

12 WHEREAS, Information about the number of CRE infections is  
13 scarce, in part because only 6 states require health facilities  
14 to report cases; the Centers for Disease Control has tracked  
15 CRE from a single health care facility in 2001 to health care  
16 facilities in at least 42 states; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we state our intent to raise public awareness about the  
20 antibiotic-resistant CRE germ that is becoming a growing threat  
21 to health facilities in the State of Illinois; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That we urge health facilities across the State  
3 to promote proper hand washing by health care workers, remove  
4 medical devices such as catheters as soon as possible, and  
5 follow current CDC recommendations regarding use of personal  
6 protective equipment; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we further urge health facilities to employ  
8 a "detect and protect" strategy, which involves identifying the  
9 presence of the organism and protecting other patients to  
10 prevent its spread.".