

FINAL BILL REPORT

HJM 4014

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Requesting an increase in federal funding for stroke research.

Sponsors: Representatives Romero, Hankins, Grant, Ruderman and D. Schmidt.

House Committee on Health Care

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background:

The American Heart Association estimates that in the United States in 1999 alone approximately 600,000 strokes will occur, and that approximately 200,000 deaths will ensue as a result of these strokes. The incidence of stroke in young people is increasing in the United States, and African-Americans have the highest incidence of stroke of any segment of the population in the United States.

Summary:

Strokes are recognized as the leading cause of death and disability in the United States, and those who are most vulnerable to strokes are listed. The Legislature asks that awareness of stroke risk and symptoms be heightened so that Americans are alerted to this risk, and requests more federal funding for state research.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

House 97 0 (House reconsidered)

Senate 47 0