

**STORAGE NAME:** hr9009.hcs

**DATE:** March 4, 1997

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
BILL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**BILL #:** HR 9009

**RELATING TO:** Stroke Awareness Month

**SPONSOR(S):** Rep. Wasserman-Schultz

**STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:** None

**COMPANION BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- (2) RULES, RESOLUTIONS & ETHICS
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I. SUMMARY:

This resolution proclaims May 1997 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

A stroke (or brain attack) occurs when a blood vessel bringing oxygen and nutrients to the brain ruptures or is clogged by a blood clot or some other particle. Stroke ranks as the third leading killer in the U.S. after heart disease and cancer, accounting for about 150,000 deaths per year. Stroke is predominantly a disorder of the elderly, but also strikes younger people, particularly those ages 45-65 years of age. Nationally, about one in seven people who die from stroke is under age 65. Stroke is also the third leading cause of death in Florida, with an age-adjusted rate of 24.3 deaths per 100,000 population. In 1995, stroke accounted for 9,821 deaths (or about 6.5%) in Florida.

Because stroke is a cerebrovascular disease, it is associated with cardiovascular disease risk factors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol. There are several ways to lower the chance of having a stroke. These include monitoring one's blood pressure through annual check ups, eating nutritious food in moderate amounts, and engaging in regular, aerobic exercise.

In addition to prevention, recent advances in stroke treatment point to the importance of initiating treatment within 1 hour after the onset of symptoms. Rapid response has been shown to reduce both the fatality rate and the degree of disability in stroke survivors. An important element in achieving this end is educating the public about the need to recognize the symptoms of stroke and activating the emergency response system.

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

May 1997 will be "Stroke Awareness Month" in Florida.

B. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

No.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

N/A

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

N/A

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

N/A

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

- a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

No.

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

No.

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

No.

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

No.

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

N/A

(5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

N/A

b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

No.

c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

(1) parents and guardians?

N/A

(2) service providers?

N/A

(3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

C. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

[This section need be completed only in the discretion of the Committee.]

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

None.

2. Recurring Effects:

None.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None.

4. Total Revenues and Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

None.

2. Recurring Effects:

None.

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

None.

2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

The resolution may serve to make more people aware of stroke symptoms and therefore prevent or ameliorate stroke effects.

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise and Employment Markets:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to expend funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of counties or municipalities to raise revenues.

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C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

VII. SIGNATURES:

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