

dents and for providing compensation in case of such injuries and property damage.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes that there are now a vast number of motor vehicles using the streets and highways of this State, that their use involves death and injuries to a great number of other users of the streets and highways, and that under the rules of common law and the provisions now in force an unequal burden is cast upon its citizens and that in determining the responsibility of motor car drivers great and unnecessary cost is now incurred in litigation; and

WHEREAS, The State and its taxpayers are subjected to a heavy burden in providing care and support for such injured and their dependents, which burden should, in so far as may be consistent with the rights and obligations of the people of the State, be more fairly distributed; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that the common law system governing the remedy of the injured and killed and their dependents on the streets and highways, places an unequal burden in proof of the responsibility for such accident upon persons when they are least able to help themselves, due to their physical incapacity; and

WHEREAS, The number of these injured and dead has become so great as to materially retard the prosperity of the people of the State in that the lessening of the normal consumer demand for other than the barest necessities of life has caused substantially increased and general unemployment; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of the State of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to name a commission, of not less than five members, to serve without compensation, to investigate and study the problem of losses sustained through personal injury and property damage caused by motorists, to determine whether any remedy is feasible or practicable which will tend to prevent such accidents and/or to provide compensation for such personal injuries and property damage, and to recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly the enactment of such legislation relating thereto as said commission may deem desirable; and be it further