

WHEREAS, As with any large scale endeavor, unscrupulous and illegitimate individuals and organizations have set themselves up to reap personal benefit from the public's charitable consciousness; and

WHEREAS, The public is entitled to honest and fair reporting of how the charitable dollar is spent and is further entitled to assurance that the funds are directed toward legitimate ends; and

WHEREAS, The legitimate charitable organizations have themselves recognized the magnitude of this problem and their public responsibility—to wit—the development by the National Social Welfare Assembly and the National Health Council of a uniform accounting system; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has also recognized its responsibility by enacting a charitable solicitations law, which, when enacted, represented the best thinking of the time, but which has since proven to be a weak law, not accomplishing its intended purposes and not giving the charitable organizations the supervision all see the necessity for and the public the assurance it requires; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a Commission to study the entire question of the State's role in the regulation and supervision of charitable solicitation; the Commission to consist of not more than fifteen members, including five representatives from the charitable organizations (a representative of health and health related agencies, a representative of social welfare agencies, a representative of religious organizations, a representative of the united fund, and a representative of hospital and educational fund raising agencies), five interested citizens who shall be unaffiliated with any existing charitable organization in a leadership role, and five members of the General Assembly; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the findings and recommendations of this study, including proposed legislation, be submitted to the Legislative Council and Governor on or before November 1, 1967; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution is sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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(House Joint Resolution 67)

House Joint Resolution to promote an awareness of the objectives and findings of the Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning being currently conducted by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education in cooperation with other State and community rehabilitation oriented organizations.