

tation of this study and for providing such staff services, and the employment of such clerical and other personnel as may be necessary therefor; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Commission is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 39

(House Joint Resolution 41)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Medical-Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland to join the Consumer Protection Division of the Maryland Attorney General's office to investigate the promiscuous dispensing of diet pills to determine whether the Legislative Council should consider legislation to control such practices.

WHEREAS, it is estimated by the Food and Drug Administration that approximately 250 doctors in the county treat overweight persons exclusively; and

WHEREAS, recent articles in the newspapers have indicated that certain practitioners of medicine in the Baltimore area specialize in treatment of patients for weight reduction; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper articles herein referred to indicate an extent of practice of overwhelming proportions, such as to stagger the imagination; and

WHEREAS, the descriptions given of alleged consultations and treatments is such as to raise serious doubts as to the medical adequacy in the minds of the lay person; and

WHEREAS, the health of our citizens is of utmost importance to the State, as the State is to the people; and

WHEREAS, said newspaper articles raise a serious question as to whether some type of control should be exercised over such practices; and

WHEREAS, no decision can be made in this regard without an adequate investigation by knowledgeable people; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Medical-Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland be requested to investigate the promiscuous dispensing of diet pills; and, be it further,

*Resolved*, that the Medical-Chirurgical Faculty ask the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office to join with and assist them in conducting such investigation; and, be it further