

WHEREAS, the transfer of oil between vessels and between vessels and oil terminal facilities is a hazardous undertaking with always the possibility of such operations resulting in spillages; and

WHEREAS, the new supertankers will use the Chesapeake Bay as a result of widening the C & D Canal and the completion of other navigation projects, and these vessels pose an additional likelihood of an oil spillage catastrophe because of their large size and their lack of maneuverability; and

WHEREAS, present technology is not adequate in providing methods for the effective containment and removal of oil from the open waters of the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has the responsibility for developing a program which would enable the State to respond to an emergency oil spillage in Maryland waters other than in the Baltimore Harbor Area; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Department of Natural Resources shall submit its program to the Legislative Council for review no later than August 1, 1971. The program shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The procedures and methods, including their fiscal implications, utilized in responding to oil spillages under present technology. The adequacy and availability of equipment and trained personnel and/or the use of contractual arrangements for oil spill clean-up.

(2) Procedures and requirements for the prevention of oil spills, leaks or discharges into State waters.

(3) The utilization and training of personnel in State service for reporting and investigation of oil spills.

(4) The need for research on the causes, effects and prevention of oil pollution, and new methods for ~~efficient~~ EFFICIENTLY COMBATING oil pollution, and new methods for efficient oil removal from the open waters of the Bay.

\* Not approved by the Governor.

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(Senate Joint Resolution 77)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the establishment of a Governor's Commission to study and investigate the inability of the people of Maryland to obtain fire and auto insurance at a reasonable rate.

WHEREAS, Citizens of this State are often unable to obtain fire insurance on their homes or businesses at a reasonable rate due to the area in which they live, or the type of occupation engaged in, or the type of home owned; and

WHEREAS, The same situation exists with respect to auto insurance; and