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WHEREAS, The laws of Maryland have long provided that trucks traveling on the public roads of this State shall be loaded in such a manner that reasonable care shall be taken to prevent the load or any part thereof from falling or spilling upon the highway so as to create a traffic hazard of public nuisance. (Section 14-106(a) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland); and

WHEREAS, The many construction projects that are now being undertaken throughout the State have given rise to frequent incidents of debris falling from trucks onto nearby automobiles or spilling onto the roads and highways behind them; and

WHEREAS, It has been apparent that the enforcement of the laws relating to falling debris from trucks has been relatively ineffective; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative for the safety of all motorists traveling on Maryland roads and highways that steps be taken both to enforce the existing laws and to devise new ones to prevent the hazards of falling debris from trucks; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles conduct an extensive study in order to determine the most effective ways of preventing falling debris from trucks on the State's highways and roads and report their findings to the General Assembly of Maryland by November, 1972; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.*

Approved April 26, 1972.

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No. 10

(House Joint Resolution 10)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a study group to consider the feasibility of implementing an effective and comprehensive occupational safety program throughout the State for all employees of the State government.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is authorized and directed to provide for and carry out programs for the occupational safety of the employees of the State government, as set forth in Section 46 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, there has not yet been instituted the kind of occupational safety program for State governmental employees which meets the needs of these employees; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there needs to be established a study group which would consider the feasibility of formulating and implementing an effective and comprehensive statewide occupational safety pro-