

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved April 22, 1975.

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No. 32

(Senate Joint Resolution 67)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Establishment of a School of Optometry

FOR the purpose of requesting that a School of Optometry be established in the State of Maryland.

Maryland is one of the few states of its size not to have a School of Optometry. Although the Maryland system of higher education provides for instruction in other professions, this glaring lack of facilities for optometry is causing a large hardship on all those concerned.

Maryland men and women who desire to become optometrists must leave the State in order to receive instruction. This causes great monetary hardship and also deprives the State of Maryland of the research facilities that are concomitant with a School of Optometry.

A recent report by the Southern Regional Education Board, recognizing the shortage, recommended a new regional school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the proper authorities study the possibility of solving this Optometric Manpower Shortage in the State of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Maryland Council on Higher Education to study ways in which sufficient professional manpower can be obtained in order to protect and promote the visual welfare of the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Council on Higher Education further study and investigate the feasibility of establishing a School of Optometry in Maryland; and be it further