

assistance programs administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development may contribute to the establishment of Employee Stock Ownership Plans and the broadening of capital ownership among Maryland's citizens. The Department should solicit the suggestions and participation of interested persons in the preparation of the study; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this study shall be completed and presented to the General Assembly before October 1, 1979; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed April 10, 1979.

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No. 2

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 8)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Psychosurgery

FOR the purpose of requesting various medical professional societies to establish guidelines and form a review panel to regulate psychosurgical treatment in Maryland.

WHEREAS, The use of brain surgery to control, or affect behavioral disturbances, known as psychosurgery, is presently in its infancy stage; and

WHEREAS, The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research has recommended that restrictions be placed on psychosurgery; and

WHEREAS, There has been an expression of widespread public and legislative concern about psychosurgery, including allegations that the procedures were (1) being carried out without adequate evidence of safety and (2) carried out without adequate procedural safeguards for protection of the rights of patients; and

~~WHEREAS, There is evidence that psychosurgical treatment can be relatively safe and effective for certain forms of long term and intractable severe psychiatric disorders; and~~

WHEREAS, The representatives of the leading medical professional organizations proposed that a voluntary group