

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Historical Trust at 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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No. 37

(House Joint Resolution No. 73)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Unemployment Insurance

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Employment Security Administration report to the General Assembly concerning what steps it is taking to eliminate fraudulent claims for benefits or other claims which are not legitimate and should not be paid.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has declared economic insecurity due to unemployment a serious menace to the health, morals, and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland maintains a system of unemployment insurance in which employers set aside unemployment reserves to be used for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, This system of unemployment insurance has become subject to certain abuses, has lost some of its original purpose, and has become a form of welfare for unemployed persons who abuse the spirit and letter of the unemployment insurance law; and

WHEREAS, The business sector, particularly small businesses, unjustly suffer by contributing to a fund which provides benefits for certain persons who should be ruled ineligible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the integrity of the unemployment insurance program must be protected. That only those who are unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking available work should receive benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House are requested to contact the Director of the Employment Security Administration in order to have him report to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1980 concerning what steps are being taken to eliminate unjustified or fraudulent claims; and be it further