

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

FOR the purpose of requesting the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means to study the fiscal impact of racetrack consolidation, the quality and effectiveness of the administration and regulatory practices of the Maryland Racing Commission, and other racing industry related matters.

WHEREAS, The racing industry is a permanent part of the history and tradition of this State; and

WHEREAS, The racing industry contributes significantly to the economy and vitality of this State; and

WHEREAS, The racing industry has been the focus of considerable attention and study by the Governor's Commission on Racing Reform and, pursuant to the Regulatory Programs Evaluation Act of 1978, by a joint study by the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means; and

WHEREAS, The major recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Racing Reform is the eventual consolidation of current racing facilities with the provision that a fiscal impact study be undertaken to provide data for this concept; and

WHEREAS, The main findings of the study by the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means focus on the need to evaluate the leadership and regulatory functions provided by the Maryland Racing Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means recognize clearly the need for continued legislative review and study of the issues of track consolidation, the leadership, and management of the Maryland Racing Commission, and other industry-related matters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means are urged to undertake a joint study to determine the fiscal impact and feasibility of racetrack consolidation, to resolve the issue of the quality and effectiveness of the administration and regulatory practices of the Maryland Racing Commission, and to examine other industry-related matters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference should provide staffing for this study; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means should report their findings to the General Assembly and the Governor prior to the 1981 Session of this legislature; and be it further
