

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Edward J. Birrane, Insurance Commissioner of Maryland, One South Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21202; the Honorable James Clark, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland; the Maryland Judicial Conference, Courts of Appeal Building, Annapolis 21401; and the Independent Bail Bond Association of Maryland, 101 East Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Signed May 12, 1981.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 44)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

National Trauma-Institute
Center for the Study of Trauma

FOR the purpose of requesting the U.S. Congress to designate the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services as the National Trauma-Institute Center for the Study of Trauma.

WHEREAS, Trauma is defined by the medical profession as shock to the human body resulting from sudden injury that can, and frequently does, create permanent mental and physical damage or causes death; and

WHEREAS, Trauma is the leading cause of death among Americans between the ages of 1 and 39 and is the third leading cause of death among all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Trauma-related accidents cost the taxpayers of this country approximately \$88.5 billion in 1980 alone; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Health through the National Heart-Lung and Blood Institute and the National Cancer Institute in 1980 provided \$3.4 billion for all research, and \$1.5 billion for research involving the nations nation's first and second leading causes of death but only \$7.8 million for direct trauma-related research; and

WHEREAS, Funds made available for trauma-related research are generally disbursed among a wide array of groups and organizations which adversely impacts on the quality of coordinated effort and exchanged information; and

WHEREAS, The National Academy of Science in its white paper of 1966 entitled "Accidents, Death and Disability: