

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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No. 6

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 37)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Comprehensive Trauma Rehabilitation Services  
Coordinating Council

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a coordinating council to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation services program for individuals who have experienced traumatic injuries, document needs, establish priorities, develop funding methods, and provide for the objective and orderly development of a public agenda for the coordination of trauma rehabilitation efforts in the State.

WHEREAS, Rehabilitation of traumatically injured individuals is an investment that benefits society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Rehabilitation is the process of providing, in a coordinated manner, comprehensive services deemed appropriate to meet the needs of disabled individuals of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The goal of a comprehensive trauma rehabilitation services program is to improve the health and welfare of injured individuals, by assisting those individuals in attaining their maximum physical, psychological, and social potential in order to enable them to engage in useful and productive work; and

WHEREAS, The rehabilitation process involves the coordination and delivery of services to disabled individuals from medical specialists, social workers, and counselors, and other rehabilitation personnel involved with community-based rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, Various studies and initiatives have been undertaken that provide data on the needs and demographics of disabled individuals, and practical methods of service delivery, program evaluation, and funding to enable the development of a comprehensive trauma rehabilitation services program; and