

session, authorize the appointment by the Governor of a group of representative, qualified and competent citizens of Maryland to conduct a thorough survey of the needs and existing facilities for the care and treatment of the mentally defective and insane in Maryland, with power to secure the cooperation of such technical experts as may appear to be necessary for carrying on said work and may be available for that purpose; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a Commission of nine qualified and representative citizens of Maryland, not more than four of whom may be members of the medical profession, and at least two of whom shall reside in the Counties, to make a thorough and comprehensive survey of the needs and existing facilities for the care and treatment of the insane and mentally defective persons living in Maryland, with full power and authority to said Commission to secure, in conducting said investigation, the aid and cooperation of such technical experts, either from one of the great medical foundations of the country or from other sources, as it may deem necessary for the intelligent prosecution of its duties, with the understanding, however, that the making of such study shall impose no expense upon the State of Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to request and direct the superintendents of the State's hospitals for the care of the insane and feeble-minded, the heads of its penal institutions and all other State officials to cooperate in every possible way with said Commission to facilitate a thorough and expeditious discharge of the duties hereby assigned to it; and be it further

*Resolved,* That said Commission make a full and complete report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly of this State at its next regular session which will convene in January, 1939.

Approved May 18, 1937.

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NO. 5.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing and requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission to examine the laws of this State and of other States relating to County