

cab operation under permits issued by said Commission; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Public Service Commission of Maryland be and it is requested to investigate any change in conditions since the last investigation relating to the operation of taxicabs in Baltimore City.*

Upon such investigation that the Commission determine whether—

(1) Too many or too few cabs are being operated to promote the public welfare, convenience and necessity;

(2) Service will not be made more advantageous to the public by compelling taxicab operation from fixed stands and prohibiting or limiting cruising by taxicabs;

(3) The rates charged are too low or too high for the service rendered, and particularly whether a surcharge should not be made when two or more passengers ride in the same cab or when a taxicab is, pursuant to an order previously given, required to travel a distance for the purpose of fulfilling such order. In determining the question of rates it is urged that general economic conditions, the payment of a fair living wage to chauffeurs by owners of the taxicabs, the effect of the operation of taxicabs on other types of transportation, and traffic hazards be considered.

After such investigation, that the Commission is authorized and empowered to take such steps as may in its judgment be appropriate to remedy such abuses as it may find existing and to promote the public welfare, convenience and necessity.

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NO. 19.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Governor to appoint a Commission to investigate the problem of losses sustained through personal injuries and property damage caused by motorists, particularly with a view to requiring compulsory motor vehicle insurance in order to provide compensation in case of such injuries and property damage.

WHEREAS, the number of motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries or death to persons as well as great property damage has greatly increased in the past few years; and