

WHEREAS, The Department of Legislature Reference of Baltimore has always offered its services to members of the General Assembly of Maryland for the purpose of collecting information in regard to proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, The requests have frequently been made by members of the General Assembly for information as to the laws of other States on particular subjects; and

WHEREAS, It would aid the Department of Legislative Reference very materially in making a digest or synopsis of the laws of the several States relating to particular subjects, if it had a set of the Codes of the several States; and

WHEREAS, The Department has no funds with which to buy these State Codes; and

WHEREAS, It is quite possible that arrangements could be made with the proper officials of the several States to receive their Codes on exchange; and

WHEREAS, The State Librarian purchased for the use of the State four hundred (400) copies of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, all of which have not been distributed; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Librarian be and is hereby requested and directed to place at the disposal of the Executive of the Department of Legislative Reference, not exceeding forty-seven (47) sets of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland for the purpose of exchange for the Codes of the several States.

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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States was ordained and established to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the Common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, and

WHEREAS, if such high purposes are to be placed beyond danger of destruction, it is our evident duty, although we hope and desire to remain at peace with all the world, to be prepared for war; and