

## No. 15

## (House Joint Resolution 7)

A Joint Resolution relating to parks and recreational areas, and access thereto.

WHEREAS, the people of Maryland need opportunities for outdoor recreational activities at locations accessible to them, a need which will probably increase due to travel restrictions resulting from the national preparedness program; and

WHEREAS, the proper development of parks and recreational facilities for use by the people of Maryland and people of neighboring states will provide the State with a previously unrealized source of economic wealth which would contribute substantially to the prosperity of those areas in which such facilities would be fully developed or newly located; and

WHEREAS, the State Roads Commission has never allocated any funds under their control for the development of access roads to State parks and recreational facilities, nor has that Commission developed or established any continuing program for the building of access roads to State parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, while the State of Maryland owns thousands of acres of attractive, scenic park land, which are important and valuable assets belonging equally to all people of the State, these areas are totally inadequate because: they have not been adequately developed and lack the facilities necessary for a well-rounded recreation program; they do not have the high-ways necessary to make them accessible to the people; and they are poorly distributed throughout the State to the extent that such areas on the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland and Central Maryland, have almost no such facilities; and

WHEREAS, while a study of the recreational potentialities of Western Maryland, requested by the Senate at the 1950 Special Session, will be undertaken by the State Planning Commission as soon as funds are made available, there has been no overall review of, or preparation of a plan for the development of existing and potential park and recreational facilities throughout the entire State; now therefore be it

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.