

No. 12

(House Joint Resolution 3)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Committee on Medical Care to study the problem of establishing an equitable financial responsibility of the State and of its counties as to health activities and to make recommendations on this question to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the division of financial responsibility between the State and local health departments is confused by the absence of prescribed formulae and policies governing State and local support of local health activities; and

WHEREAS, the fact that each county health officer is also ex officio a deputy state health officer adds further uncertainty to this question of financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, additional uncertainty is provided by the lack of clear understanding as to which services rendered in a locality are local or State in nature and also by the inadequacy of accounting data on State and county expenditures for locally performed public health services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the simplification of practices in determining the extent of local financial support for public health activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the General Assembly that the Committee on Medical Care could provide a valuable study and recommendation on this question; now therefore

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Committee on Medical Care be requested to give detailed and adequate study to the question of establishing a State public health policy as to the respective financial responsibility of the State and of its several counties; and

Be it further resolved, That the Committee on Medical Care report the results of its study to the Legislative Council and to the General Assembly and include therein recommendations for an equitable solution of this problem.

Approved May 6, 1953.

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.