

WHEREAS, The present State Tobacco Warehouse for the storage of tobacco in hogsheads has been located in Baltimore City for over one hundred years, historically because of its proximity to rail and water transportation; and

WHEREAS, Today most tobacco is transported by truck, doing away with the necessity for maintaining a warehouse in Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Council's Tobacco Committee after consideration of the State warehouse, made a recommendation that a new State warehouse be located in the tobacco growing counties of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In order to carry out this recommendation, it is necessary that studies be made of the possible location of a new warehouse, the factors affecting location, disposition of the present Baltimore warehouse, the cost and preliminary plans for the new warehouse and its financing, and any other relevant details, by the Department of Public Improvements, with the assistance of the Maryland Tobacco Authority and the State Tobacco Inspector; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Department of Public Improvements, with the assistance of the Maryland Tobacco Authority, and the State Tobacco Inspector, be requested to study the feasibility of locating a State Tobacco Warehouse in Southern Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Public Improvements be requested to report the results of its findings and any plans and recommendations to the Legislative Council by October 1, 1956.

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