

WHEREAS, The unauthorized practice of law has flourished to the detriment of people of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Such encroachment infringes upon the practice of qualified and competent counsel; and

WHEREAS, There appears a pitiful reluctance on the part of the public to differentiate between an authorized practice of law confined by the ethics of the profession and the other unauthorized emblems of social malfeasance, which thereby degrades the standards of the Legal profession; and

WHEREAS, The practice of law is and should be distinguished by an irreproachable character, a sense of personal honor, and the holding of dignity as an article of conscience; and

WHEREAS, That dignity for which the profession is remarkable is being obscured by the encroachment and usurpation of the legal profession and its personal responsibility to the public; and

WHEREAS, This transgression of the bounds of duty and decorum destroy public faith in the legal profession, yet it further undermines the public by incomplete or ineffectual results often bogging down in a legal quagmire; and now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the General Assembly of Maryland instruct the Legislative Council to study Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1956 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact", and to report the results of this study and recommendations for corrective legislation to the 1958 General Assembly of Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Legislative Council.

Approved April 15, 1957.

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No. 39

(House Joint Resolution 4)

House Joint Resolution to repeal Joint Resolution No. 12 of the Regular Session of 1955.

WHEREAS, at the Regular Session of the General Assembly in the year 1955 there was introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 22 which was adopted by the General Assembly and became Joint Resolution No. 12; and

WHEREAS, this Joint Resolution expressed the sentiment of the General Assembly at that time that part of the property occupied by Coppin State Teachers' College in the City of Baltimore could be utilized without expense to the State as a site for a new Armory to

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**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.