

WHEREAS, in these times of great national peril from the Communistic conspiracy the police must demonstrate they are just, alert, and vigilant; that they have done so is evidenced by support they receive from their government and the public; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Police of Maryland be congratulated on the occasion of Police Week, May 13-19, 1962, for the services they have rendered the people of this State.

Approved March 23, 1962.

---

No. 22

(House Joint Resolution 25)

Joint Resolution to request the Committee on Medical Care of the State Planning Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the creation of a Statewide authority to be concerned with the planning and financing of the construction of hospital facilities.

WHEREAS, the health and economic wellbeing of communities is dependent on hospitals which serve as general resources, including in-patient and out-patient services for the injured and acutely ill, emergency psychiatric cases, alcoholics, and the mentally retarded; and

WHEREAS, well-organized hospital facilities and services, planned on a community-wide basis, are safeguards against inordinate increases in hospital capital and operating costs, individually and as a Statewide composite; and

WHEREAS, many communities are unable to finance the capital cost of hospital facilities; and

WHEREAS, the absence of adequate hospital facilities to support community medical care is detrimental to the development of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that capital funds for hospital facilities must be derived from local, State and Federal tax sources and from volunteer funds; and

WHEREAS, Federal funds are presently available from Hill-Burton grants but these are limited to a minor portion of capital costs; and

WHEREAS, a recent report on medical education and research by the Medical Care Committee of the State Planning Commission emphasizes the need for more doctors and improved educational facilities in hospitals for all health professional personnel; and

WHEREAS, the need for added hospital facilities is seriously acute in some communities and among the Negro population particularly; and

WHEREAS, these health care needs should be met with a Statewide