

WHEREAS, Prince George's County borders on the District of Columbia where alcoholic beverages are sold at wholesale and retail prices below those in Prince George's County; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, from time to time has enacted legislation to control the importation of alcoholic beverages from the District of Columbia into Maryland; and,

WHEREAS, there does not appear to be a sufficient difference between the tax on alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia and Maryland to warrant the wholesale and retail differential in prices; and,

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland pursuant to a request of the legislative council of Maryland dated September 15, 1961 did make a study on the whole price differential on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia as compared with sales in the State of Maryland, and did as a result of said study recommend a further joint study and inquiry by the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland, the Federal Trade Commission and the Congress of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study would be helpful to the General Assembly in the consideration of further legislation concerning the alcoholic beverage industry in Maryland and any wholesale and retail price differentials between the District of Columbia and Maryland, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland, the Federal Trade Commission and the Congress of the United States be, and they are hereby, requested to:*

(1) Conduct a study and review of the distribution at wholesale level and the wholesale prices of alcoholic beverages paid by license holders or licensees of Maryland and the political subdivisions thereof;

(2) Conduct a study and review of the differential between the wholesale prices of alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia and Maryland and the political subdivisions thereof;

(3) Conduct a study and review of the general retail alcoholic beverage business in Maryland and the political subdivisions thereof, and in the District of Columbia;

(4) Conduct a study and review of proposed legislation concerning the alcoholic beverage industry in Maryland and in the District of Columbia;

(5) Make recommendations to the General Assembly of Maryland and the Congress of the United States respecting proposed legislation concerning the alcoholic beverage industry and sale of alcoholic beverages in Maryland and the District of Columbia; and, to that end, the Comptroller is requested to assign such of his staff and personnel, as may be required, to assist the Comptroller in conducting such studies and review and the preparation of his recommendations, as aforesaid; and,