

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a commission of persons for the purpose of reviewing those aspects of the corporation laws of the State of Maryland cited herein in order to prepare a revision of these laws for submission to the Governor and the General Assembly as soon as practicable; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to allocate to the Commission from revenues at his control sufficient funds for the Commission to carry out its work; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.*

Approved May 4, 1965.

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No. 22

(House Joint Resolution 2)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission to make a comprehensive study and review of criminal laws, criminal procedures and the administration of criminal justice in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, It is recognized by the General Assembly, the organized Bar of Maryland, members of the judiciary, the legal profession and the public that a great need exists for revision of the Maryland criminal laws, criminal procedure and administration of criminal justice, and

WHEREAS, The reasons for the need for a new criminal code in Maryland are the following:

(a) The last previous revision of the Criminal Code of Maryland was made in 1809; and

(b) The 1960 Maryland Self-Survey Commission published its fourth and final report which, in part, consisted of a proposed Criminal Code revising in their entirety the criminal laws of the State of Maryland; and

(c) Bar Association groups and other interested parties have studied the report of the Maryland Self-Survey Commission and other recommendations with respect to revisions in the criminal laws of the State of Maryland and have failed to reach agreement on the subject; and

(d) The Committee on the Criminal Code of the Maryland State Bar Association has recommended that the General Assembly request the Governor to appoint a Commission to study and make recommendations with respect to a Revised Criminal Code for the State of Maryland; and

(e) The General Assembly believes that the Criminal Code as constituted contains many anachronisms, inconsistencies and inadequacies which encumber the administration of the criminal law in this State; and