

WHEREAS, There exists in the State of Maryland an increasingly pressing problem of water pollution, the costs of control of which would be tremendous; and

WHEREAS, There still remains the pressing and continual problem of providing sufficient water for use of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, This water pollution affects not only the health and welfare of the citizens but also creates a detriment to the recreational and aesthetic resources of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The full cooperation of all the people and most especially the industry in Maryland, will be necessary to counteract the overwhelming burdens placed on our natural supply of water; and

WHEREAS, Great technological study in the field of correcting and preventing water pollution is being made; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be requested to appoint a study commission composed of experts in the field of prevention of water pollution and representatives of industry, and State agencies concerned in studying the problems of water pollution in Maryland, to supply the Governor and the General Assembly, prior to the 1967 session, with a report including specific problems, recommendations for tax relief for industry engaged in pollution abatement, recommendations concerning existing laws on the subject, including Federal statutes, recommendations for a comprehensive program of legislation to correct and prevent water pollution, including specified areas of jurisdiction for the various State agencies, to prevent conflicts, and strict penalties and inducements for total public and industrial cooperation in the field of water pollution abatement; and be it further*

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BE REQUESTED TO CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION WITH QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, OR A UNIVERSITY, (SUCH AS JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY), AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE NECESSARY MONIES, FOR A STUDY OF THE WATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN MARYLAND; THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM SAID STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO THE 1967 SESSION, SAID REPORT TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TAX RELIEF FOR INDUSTRY ENGAGED IN POLLUTION ABATEMENT, REVIEW EXISTING STATE LAWS AND FEDERAL STATUTES, MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF LEGISLATION TO CORRECT AND PREVENT WATER POLLUTION, DEFINE AND COORDINATE AREAS OF JURISDICTION OF THE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO PREVENT CONFLICTS AND CONFUSION, AND GENERALLY TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOTAL PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. FINALLY, TO REVIEW THE VARIOUS RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.