

WHEREAS, the close proximity of Prince George's County, Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland, the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Arlington County, Virginia, and other suburban communities all of whom have the minimum age for the consumption or purchase of alcoholic beverages placed at 21 years, to the District of Columbia where the minimum age for the consumption or purchase of beer and light wine is placed at only 18 years, CONSTITUTES AN UNDESIRABLE DISPARITY IN THE LAW and;

WHEREAS, it is evident that persons in the age group of from 18 to 21 years, resident in the States of Maryland and Virginia, travel into the District of Columbia in great numbers with the express purpose of consuming or purchasing spiritous beverages of this type, and;

WHEREAS, these young people after having either consumed such beverages or obtaining such beverages for consumption are operating motor vehicles in the suburban communities with the result of a serious increase in automobile accidents caused by people 18 to 21 years of age operating under the influence of alcohol, and;

WHEREAS, there has been an alarming increase in the number of young people arrested for operating under the influence, and;

WHEREAS, there are other attendant problems in law enforcement caused by the ability of these young people to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia, and;

WHEREAS, the Universities of Maryland and Virginia and other institutions of high learning in the States of Maryland and Virginia attempt to provide a suitable environment for academic pursuits and the proximity of such a distracting influence upon such pursuits is not in the best interest of either the students or the institutions; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the United States Congress be urged to enact legislation to raise the minimum age for the consumption or purchase of alcoholic beverages to 21 years, and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro-Tem of the Senate, the individual members of the District of Columbia Committees in both houses of Congress, the Congressmen and Senators from Maryland and Virginia, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.*

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(House Joint Resolution 38)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a select committee to study and make recommendations for new procedures in the Department of Public Improvements.