

*Resolved*, That this committee is requested, when appointed, to meet and organize promptly and to press its studies and investigation with vigor in order that it may report to the Legislative Council not later than October 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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No. 20

(Senate Joint Resolution 38)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland and the President of the Legislative Council to each select and designate four qualified persons to constitute a committee of eight to study the maintenance needs of State Roads Commission and the source and amount of revenue that comprises the Commission's Maintenance Fund and to make such report and recommendation to the Legislative Council as it deems appropriate.

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Fund of the State Roads Commission includes portions of receipts collected from motor vehicle registration fees, and

WHEREAS, over the period of the last 12 or more years these gross revenues have increased, however, because of substantial increasing deductions authorized, from time to time by law, the amount of funds received by the State Roads Commission for maintenance purposes from this source has remained almost constant, and

WHEREAS, the demand for funds for maintenance of the State Highway System is continuing to increase because of the construction of new and additional highways; greater highway widths, and increased labor and material costs, and

WHEREAS, during past years it has become necessary for the Commission to request and obtain legislative approval to transfer substantial sums of money from the State Roads Commission Construction Fund to its Maintenance Fund. For instance, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 the Commission was authorized to transfer \$10,000,000 from construction to maintenance and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 the Commission has determined that a \$12,000,000 transfer may be necessary, and

WHEREAS, this constant, substantial and increasing transfer of funds from the Commission's construction program to supplement the financing of necessary highway maintenance requirements is doing violence to the State's highway construction and reconstruction program and is one of the major factors causing highway construction to lag behind schedule, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a Committee of nine qualified persons, four to be appointed by the Governor, four by the President of the Legislative Council, and one, who will serve as Chairman, to be appointed jointly by the Governor and the President of the Legislative Council to study the Maintenance Fund and the maintenance requirements of the State Roads Commission.