

the members of the General Assembly within the limited time at their disposal; and

Whereas, The Constitutional Convention of the State of Maryland has included in the proposed new Constitution for the State of Maryland a provision that the doctrine of sovereign immunity may not be pleaded as a defense in suits against the State, its instrumentalities and its political subdivisions except to the extent and in the manner as shall be permitted by law; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland is hereby requested to appoint a Commission of ten members to make a comprehensive study on the extent to which state and local governments and their officers should be liable in tort and on how best to insure that funds are available to state and local governments to meet such claims, and the Commission is requested to make its report with recommended legislation to the Governor and the Legislative Council for submission to the General Assembly; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Governor is requested to include on this Commission one member of each House of the General Assembly, two attorneys admitted to practice in Maryland who are employees of the State of Maryland or of any county or municipality in Maryland, two attorneys admitted to practice in Maryland who commonly represent plaintiffs in tort suits, two employees of insurance companies licensed to do business in Maryland, one certified public accountant, and one faculty member at an accredited college or university in the State of Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Governor is requested to provide such funds as the Commission may need to carry out its duties and to employ professional staff for the Commission from contingent funds at his disposal; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland and to the Presidents of the Maryland, Baltimore City and each county bar association and to the President of the Junior Bar Association of Baltimore City.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 50

(House Joint Resolution 68)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Roads Commission to include in its plans for the construction of bridges, facilities for fishermen.

WHEREAS, the rivers and creeks of Maryland abound with fish and attract many fishermen; and