

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this body urges upon the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia and upon officials of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science a total or partial cessation in the Virginia winter dredging season so as to eliminate the overfishing of the female sponge crab in Virginia waters, to the detriment of the supply of adult crabs in the waters of the entire Chesapeake Bay area; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Assembly of Maryland urges upon the responsible officials of the State of Virginia and also upon the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior, in general cooperation with the State of Maryland, a heavy and basic research program to ascertain the precise effects of the persistent overfishing of crab resources by the State of Virginia; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State of Maryland is directed to send copies of this Resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to the Governor of Virginia, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the head of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States, each member of the Maryland and Virginia Delegations in the Congress of the United States, the Director of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs of Maryland, the Secretary of the Board of Natural Resources of Maryland, and the Director of the Natural Resources Institute of Maryland.

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(House Joint Resolution 2)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to establish a special committee to study the laws and practices concerning mechanics' liens in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the existing laws and practices in this State concerning mechanics' liens often work hardships on homeowners, artisans, and others; and

WHEREAS, these laws are especially complex and would require extensive review prior to a thorough revision; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the need to have special study and consideration devoted to the laws and practices in this State concerning mechanics' liens; and

WHEREAS, it would be especially fruitful to invite the participation in such a study of persons and organizations familiar with the present laws concerning mechanics' liens through daily activities in industries affected by these laws; and, now, therefore be it