

WHEREAS, it is accepted that many drivers are apprehensive about passing and approaching trucks, and by increasing the mass of these vehicles the stressful psychological impact on the motorist would be aggravated; and

WHEREAS, this psychological effect could well increase the likelihood of accidents; and

WHEREAS, statistics support the conclusion that the accidents in which large trucks are involved more frequently *RESULT* in deaths and injuries than accidents in which smaller vehicles are involved; and

WHEREAS, no action should be taken which would tend to diminish the fullest and safest use by all travel and vacation-minded Americans of our expanding Interstate Highway System; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, that the General Assembly urges the United States Senators from Maryland and the Maryland members of the House of Representatives to oppose the enactment of H.R. 11870 and H.R. 11619; and, be it further

*Resolved*, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administrator, Senators Joseph D. Tydings and Charles Mc. Mathias, and the members of the Maryland delegation in the U. S. House of Representatives.

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No. 45

(House Joint Resolution 54)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to ~~appoint a Committee to study and make recommendations~~ CALL FOR A STUDY concerning the relationships among the State of Maryland, the several counties, and Baltimore City with respect to the administration, operation and financing of the Department of Postmortem Examiners.

WHEREAS, The Department of Postmortem Examiners has been established as part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State, and, among other things, it investigates the deaths of persons who die either in the counties or Baltimore City under certain circumstances, performs autopsies in connection therewith; instructs police, medical, and other professional groups in the essentials of medicolegal pathology and scientific criminal investigation; and performs related functions; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Postmortem Examiners is housed in a building provided by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and operated and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, The salaries of the Medical Examiners and the professional staff of the Department are set by the State and are paid by the State out of that portion of the racing revenues allocated to the