

No. 56

(House Joint Resolution 99)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study the problem of shoplifting and to report to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, The problem of shoplifting is a serious one of increasing magnitude and concern; and

WHEREAS, The costs of various efforts to reduce shoplifting are often disproportionate to the savings; and

WHEREAS, Merchants are reluctant to prosecute suspected shoplifters for fear of unfavorable publicity and damaging effects on their business; and

WHEREAS, Many merchants are concerned about the possibility of civil suits as a result of attempts to reduce shoplifting; and

WHEREAS, The numerous problems in this area require a detailed study to consider possible needed legislation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council make a study of the problem of shoplifting, including procedures for arrest and prosecution, burdens of proof, defenses, and penalties; and submit its findings to the General Assembly.

Approved April 22, 1970.

No. 57

(House Joint Resolution 100)

House Joint Resolution requesting the ~~Governor to appoint a special Commission~~ LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to study the State policy regarding sick leave benefits for State employees with a view toward revising this policy to provide incentives to State employees to use their sick leave judiciously and to reward those who do.

WHEREAS, State employees are entitled to certain sick leave benefits; and

WHEREAS, The State policy with regard to sick leave benefits is considered to be fair and generous; and

WHEREAS, Most State employees make judicious use of their sick leave benefits without just reward; and

WHEREAS, This lack of reward or incentive to make judicious use of sick leave benefits has resulted in an abuse of these benefits by a certain few State employees; and

WHEREAS, A revision of the State policy providing for such rewards and incentives would greatly benefit all State employees and, consequently, the People of the State of Maryland; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Maryland hereby requests the ~~Governor to appoint a special commission~~ LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to study the State policy regarding sick leave benefits for