

This problem is particularly acute in those communities in which there is a large senior citizen population.

The State has an obligation to its senior citizens to provide them with as many services and comforts as are reasonably possible and practicable.

State support or assistance could relieve some of the burden from the hospitals and prove a valuable aid to the plight of the chronically ill aged in our State; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene be requested to investigate ways by which the State of Maryland can assist the hospitals of the State to provide more beds for the care of chronically ill aged patients; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and to the Chairman and Executive Director of the State Coordinating Commission on Problems of the Aging.*

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 29

(House Joint Resolution 16)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to abolish the Governor's Interdepartmental Council and Advisory Committee on the Handicapped and to appoint a Governor's Commission to Study the Needs of the Handicapped.

WHEREAS, The Governor of Maryland appointed the Governor's Interdepartmental Council and Advisory Committee on the Handicapped pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 25, Acts of 1968, for the purpose of coordinating all the necessary programs and services for the handicapped citizens in various departments and agencies of the State government; and

WHEREAS, the functions of the Governor's Interdepartmental Council and Advisory Committee on the Handicapped could be better carried out by a group of individuals who are free from bureaucratic entanglements; and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need for a review and re-examination of the special programs and requirements of handicapped citizens; and

WHEREAS, new techniques, programs, designs, and operational structures in special programs for the handicapped have been developed as a result of research and demonstration, and this new knowledge should be applied to existing rules and regulations, standards, and current provisions for State and federal assistance; now, therefore, be it