

and relocation, income maintenance, social services, employment and economic development, crime and delinquency, and transportation and physical environment; and

WHEREAS, It is clear that the Model Cities agencies cannot carry out this task with the funds, advice, and support of the local governments alone (even with the supplemental Federal grants); and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is at present engaged in a pilot program coordinating the work of various State executive departments with the efforts of local Model Cities Programs; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council, in consultation with the Department of Planning, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the Department of Economic and Community Development, investigate the proper role of the State in the Model Cities Program and recommend specific suitable action to the General Assembly; and, be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Legislative Council.*

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 47

(Senate Joint Resolution 2)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a Commission to be known as the Humane Practices Commission for the purpose of investigating and overseeing the treatment, care and the condition of patients in hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

WHEREAS, For a period of ten years or more there have been recurring reports of inhumane treatment being rendered in various hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded; and

WHEREAS, Patients in hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded are human beings and thus entitled to dignified and humane treatment; and

WHEREAS, Primarily because of lack of sufficient funds or facilities there has been no continuing or concerted effort to alleviate the alleged existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, Without a continuing and concerted effort to improve the condition and circumstances of patients in hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, no significant and lasting positive correctional procedure can be obtained; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it recommends that the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates establish a Commission to be known as the Humane Practices Commission for the purpose of investigating and overseeing the treatment, care and condition of patients in hos-*