

pitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded. The Commission should consist of three members appointed by the Governor, representative of voluntary citizens groups which shall include one group concerned with the mentally ill, one group concerned with the mentally retarded, and the third group concerned with handicapped persons, generally. The Commission shall also have as members two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, and two Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Commission shall report on a regular basis to the Governor and the General Assembly as to its findings; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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No. 48

(Senate Joint Resolution 15)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Forests and Parks to study the comparative charges imposed by foreign states upon non-resident vacationers for the use of state parks and recreation areas, and to establish consistent, reciprocal charges in Maryland.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Maryland to promote recreational and leisure interest throughout the State by encouraging the use of its forests, parks, camping grounds and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Maryland now imposes the same nominal admission, use and rental charges upon residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of Maryland renders its parks and recreational areas especially attractive to and popular with non-resident vacationers and, as a result, camp sites are sometimes unavailable to Maryland citizens; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks be requested to conduct a comparative study of the various fees and charges assessed by foreign states upon non-residents for the use of state parks and recreation areas and to establish consistent, reciprocal charges in Maryland; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks and to the Governor of Maryland, by the Secretary of State.

Approved May 17, 1971.