

No. 62

(House Joint Resolution 35)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Department of Health and several county deputy health officers to reconsider carefully any regulations ~~imposing restrictions~~ IMPOSED upon the holding of church suppers and similar events.

The members of the ~~House of Delegates~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY are concerned about the possible inadvertent effects of regulations issued by the State Department of Health or by deputy county health officers restricting or prohibiting the holding of church suppers and other such volunteer affairs.

Such regulations have been imposed in recent months following the unfortunate outbreak of a salmonella epidemic at a nursing home in Baltimore City. The purpose of the regulations was to assure, with respect to church suppers and similar affairs, that there would be no recurrence of a salmonella epidemic because of the holding of any such function.

Members of the ~~House of Delegates~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Maryland understand the duty of the Health Department and the several deputy county health officers to protect the public health. At the same time they point out that the typical church supper is well managed and well operated and that possibilities are minimal for any occurrence of a salmonella epidemic as a result of a church supper.

The inadvertent ~~affect~~ EFFECT of such regulations may be to stifle and harm the legitimate and traditional activities of groups holding church suppers and related affairs.

Without ~~in any way to cause~~ CAUSING decisions questionable to the public health, the ~~House of Delegates~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Maryland is requesting that any such regulations be restudied and re-evaluated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the ~~House of Delegates~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Maryland, That the State Health Department and any deputy county health officers who have promulgated regulations or otherwise acted against the traditional affairs known as church suppers OR OTHER SIMILAR AFFAIRS be requested to review the effect and application of these regulations and that they make every reasonable effort consistent with the public health to permit the holding of such affairs as has long been traditional in the State of Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates is instructed to send copies of this resolution to the State Health Department and to each of the deputy county health officers in this State.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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(House Joint Resolution 43)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Board of Education to develop a comprehensive drug education program to be implemented in all public and private primary and secondary schools in the State.